

First Presbyterian Church

FRANKLIN STREET AT PARK AVENUE
WATERLOO, IOWA

JAN 3 1956

HERBERT E. DIERENFIELD, D. D.
JAMES C. THOMSON
Ministers

MRS. MAXINE SANSONE
Church Secretary

DEC. 30, 1955

REV. J. EARL JACKMAN,
156 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

DEAR EARL:

THE ENCLOSED CHECK WAS THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE ALASKA MISSION PROJECT AT FAIRBANKS. I HAD THE CHURCH TREASURER MARK IT FOR "ALASKA" SO THAT IT WOULD NOT GO THROUGH THE CENTRAL RECEIVING AGENCY AND BE COMPLICATED AS A GIFT. WE WANT THIS FUND TO GO TO THE HOSTEL AT FAIRBANKS ALASKA.

I LOOK BACK UPON THE EVANGELISTIC PREACHING MISSION IN ALASKA AS A VERY CHOICE EXPERIENCE. I AM GRATEFUL THAT YOU INCLUDED ME IN THE GROUP OF MINISTERS WHO TOOK PART IN THIS WORK. THE MISSIONARY WORK THERE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A WARM FRIEND IN ME WHERE EVER I GO.

HAPPY NEW YEAR. I HOPE TO MEET YOU AT SOME OF OUR NATIONAL CHURCH MEETINGS.

CORDIALLY,

Herbert
HERBERT DIERENFIELD

January 4, 1956

350.52
350.- check

*noted per sheet
1/14/56 (59)*

The Rev. Herbert Dierenfield
First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church
Franklin St. at Park Avenue
Waterloo, Iowa
Waterloo, Iowa

Alaska Misc'l SOB-LFC CH/S - Fairbanks Eskimo Center

receipt directly to remitter

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Dept. of Work in Alaska
per *Judith K. ...*

Eskimo Center

October 9, 1956

VIA AIRMAIL
The Rev. Victor I. Alfsen
Box 2157
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Vic:

Bert sent me a copy of the program which was drawn up by Elmer Parker, Mrs. Rasmussen and himself with a rough sketch of the possible division of the Legion house building for accommodations which are needed for our Eskimo work in Fairbanks. Inasmuch as the Legion is meeting on the evening of October 9th, he asked that I send you a wire trying to give some assurance of available funds for the purchase of the Legion building. I sent a wire but recognized that it does not give any satisfaction to you or to me about prospective results.

Evidently we need to come down to a few basic facts. Mrs. Rasmussen and the rest of you told me the story of the need. That story was relayed to the Advisory Committee of the Board which decided that something must be done but we had no specific proposal or cost of it to present to them. All of us face the fact that the purchase of the building would in a period of five years be a smaller item than the cost of personnel and operation. As I said in my last letter to you the source of money for personnel and operation maybe more of a problem even than the building right now. We have pushed the need at every opportunity to remind people here that something must be done. In our last meeting of the Cabinet it became evident to me that this will not be operated by our department. All of the community centers which the Board has are operated either by Education and Medical Work or by City and Industry office which has supervision and relation to community centers in city areas. The best that I could get out of the last Cabinet Meeting was the appointment of a committee consisting of a representative of Ed and Med, C and I and myself as Chairman. Along with this halfway action it becomes evident that neither Ed and Med nor C and I will take the project seriously until there is something very definite put down in writing by someone who has had some experience and training in the field of survey for such a project. The feeling of these two departments is that the committee up there is sympathetic and deeply concerned in a Christian way but lacking in experience of what is involved in setting up and conducting such a center. It was from this angle that Miss Miller was suggested to come up to Fairbanks to help.

There seems to be some misunderstanding. Elmer Parker's letter and the one from Bert Bingle seem to imply that it was proposed to assign Miss Miller to Fairbanks to operate this project. Miss Miller is a field worker under the department of Education and Medical Work to give guidance and help to our institutions, churches and families concerned in our total National Missions program where there are questions of family and social implication. It was the idea to ask Miss Miller to come up and visit with your Committee to point out some of the technical and

October 9, 1956

Miss Betty Irvine of the department of Education and Medical Work is coming up to Alaska with our Preaching Mission. She is to meet with the Hospital Board in Palmer the evening of the 19th, stay in Anchorage over Sunday and come up to Fairbanks the morning of the 22nd. She will be there for twenty-four hours. A letter from Miss Miller indicates her willingness to come up and council with the Committee if she can work it into her plans. I had planned to be in Fairbanks near the end of that week but since it is possible, by some adjustment of plans, to have Miss Irvine, Miss Miller and myself there about the same time, I am proposing to change my plans and be in Fairbanks on October 22nd. We are asking Miss Miller to do everything possible to be there the same day. All of us should spend as much of the day as possible on this project and see at the end of our conferences whether we can come out with a definite program which can be recommended by our Committee here to the Cabinet and the Board for adoption and financial support. It is understood that Miss Irvine does not have the power of financial decision for their department, the Cabinet or the Board but we shall look at this thing together with your Committee and hope that we can expect something definite from this conference.

I had hoped to spend the early part of the Preaching Mission period in southeastern Alaska and come up to the interior for the latter part of it but will reverse this plan in order to give definite emphasis to the need in Fairbanks. Please advise John Stokes that I shall stay over for Tuesday with the hope of spending a little time with him on their building problem. If we can clear everything that needs to be done I'll take the afternoon plane on Tuesday down to Anchorage for some time there.

I know that you are all discouraged over this lack of action. Sometimes some of us who feel these needs in our hearts are a bit frustrated because we cannot get the action which we would like to have in the Lord's work. In administrative circles we have to be very concise in what we propose to people who have no background in order to get favorable action. This is another case of the same kind and we hope and pray that definite results will come soon.

Regards to every one .

Cordially yours,

JEJ:dj

cc: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth
The Rev. B. J. Bingle
The Rev. Elmer E. Parker

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

P.S. I'll be writing to the Nordale Hotel for a reservation there in order to be near the center of town for as much time as possible in our problems.

JEJ

Corona Presbyterian Church

East 8th Ave. & Downing St.
AL. 5-2037

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Pastors: Rev. Robert S. Lutz
Rev. Paul T. Bock

December 18, 1956

Dr. Earl Jackman,
Presbyterian Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10, New York.

Dear Earl:

Enclosed find check for \$278.00 from our church for the Eskimo Home for Girls in Fairbanks. I am sending this to you direct, realizing that there might be angles involved that you might want to handle personally, if I remember what you said about some people giving gifts for particular projects last year which did not fit in with the Board's program or something to that effect. At any rate, we want you to know that this money is to be used for the work in Alaska wherever it seems best, although it was my understanding that the Eskimo Home for Girls was an immediate need, and that is why our church is sending this money. This was our Thanksgiving Day Offering.

I still remember the wonderful time and joyous service I had on the Alaska Preaching Mission -- that was a real joy.

The Lord give you a very blessed Christmas.

Cordially in Christ,

Robert S. Lutz
Robert S. Lutz

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Eskimo Center

December 26, 1956

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Chester L. Tolson
1501 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles 17, California

Dear Chet:

Thank you for your promptness in sending me the name of Mr. Hammack which information I have passed along to my sister.

The Cabinet of Missionary Operation here has approved the development of a program of service to Eskimo people in Fairbanks with particular reference to assistance to Eskimo girls in being able to make the adjustment from Eskimo life and customs to Western civilization and be prepared to secure jobs in homes or business activities and eventually to have a center where some housing could be provided for this program and a place for the young people to meet for recreation and fellowship in the evenings. Budget will be available in 1957 for the employment of a full time Christian case worker to start such a program. All of us who are close to the need and project recognize that we need a building which will be the center for every phase of the activity and program.

Priority funds from 1955 giving which were available for use in 1956 have all been expended. There may be some more of these from 1956 giving available for use in 1957. We will not know that until after the meeting of the Board in February 1957. We have the prospect of a building now but there seem to be no funds immediately available to secure it. We do not know whether we can hold a string on it or whether we will have to let it go and then find something else suitable when funds are available. There are some who have not been close to this need and local situation who are wondering if we cannot carry out the program under the leadership of a case worker without a building. Those of us who have been close to it are just as sure that a suitable building for a center of activity and housing is an essential part of its success, therefore, we are pressing for the building.

The basic information now is that the program has been approved, funds are available for a worker and we will need a building as soon as possible. If the young people of Westminster Fellowship of Southern California, would take this on as a project as has been suggested it would be a wonderful thing for your youth there and for the young people of Alaska. We would encourage its approval and development.

Thank you for your part in it. We trust it will be a success.

Cordially yours,

JEW:dj

cc: The Rev. Brian Cleworth

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

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Eskimo Center

December 26, 1956

V IA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Victor I. Alfson
First Presbyterian Church
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Vic:

We have been going round and round on this matter of the Eskimo Center and a building in which to house it. The Cabinet of Missionary Operation has approved the development of the program as we conceived of it in our meeting together in Fairbanks during October. Since Dr. Starr is leaving the West Coast Medical Mission in southeastern Alaska, there will be some salvage there which can be used to undergird the program in Fairbanks. Our special committee on the Center and the Cabinet here feel very definitely that the single worker which we had included in the setup should be a full time trained Christian social worker and we have been authorized to seek such a person as soon after January 1, as she can be found. Miss Gladfelter has made the suggestion that we might borrow Lorna Logan from Ming Quong in California, who has been unusually successful in doing this type of work and in the development of good public relations in the community to get a response in interest and financial support from different agencies in the local community. We shall investigate this a little further.

No progress has been made in the matter of the building. The Cabinet requested an amount up to \$60,000 from priority giving for the purchase and renovation of the American Legion Hall or the construction of a new building of similar size which would be adequate to carry out this program. This request was presented to the Priority Committee but no funds were available for 1956 and we would not know what is available in this field until the Board Meeting in February 1957. The Priority Committee declined to take any action looking toward a commitment until the whole matter of the use of priority funds was referred back to the Cabinet to see whether we were getting done the thing for which priority funds were intended, namely, the major renovation of the buildings which we now have in our mission program.

Full discussion has been given to the possible purchase of the American Legion Hall. When Glen Carson returned we discussed this building. He stated that the building was worth \$35,000 and if we purchased it we should try to secure the additional two lots for another \$5,000. The severe jolt came when we considered Ed Philleo's estimate of the renovation of the building for our use. When we added Ed's estimate of \$18,000 to the \$40,000 necessary to purchase the property it came to \$58,000. Along with this was the statement from Ed that the building is "architecturally lousy" and we all recognize it is not the most attractive

looking building. Glen Carson and I discussed whether or not we might ask the Executive officers to permit us to use the funds which we have in hand from volunteer contributions to make a down payment toward the purchase of the Legion Hall, providing the Executive officers would also recommend to the Priority Committee that this building be purchased when funds are available in February. This was presented to the Executive officers who felt that they were not in a position to make a commitment on it in light of the fact that the Priority Committee had referred the whole matter of the use of the priority funds back to the Cabinet for further study and recommendation. In addition, they raised the question about basic policy of putting nearly \$60,000 into the Legion Hall when Ed Philleo stated that we could build a new building of similar size better adapted for this program and better looking from the outside for approximately the same amount of money plus the cost of the land. The Executive officers took the position that they would rather recommend an additional \$10,000 when the time comes for something which looks better and better fits our needs than to start in with a building which will need such a large amount of renovation. Their final recommendation was to seek a case worker, start the program as best we can and then bring in a request for funds for a building which they will support and recommend to the Board.

We tried to make it plain that a building is an essential part of this as a center from which a case worker would operate, a place of a limited amount of housing and a center for recreation and fellowship which is desperately needed. The question is raised whether we could find a corner for an office in the First Presbyterian Church, rent a house for residence for the case worker and some girls or find a storeroom downtown which could be setup as an Eskimo Center. We stated that either of these latter two points would be very expensive because of the high rents involved. The Executive officers felt it would be better to use a little money in this direction for a few months, if we had to, and be more sure of our developments than to purchase a building when the total project has not been put down in complete detail. There is still a question in what department of the Board's work the administration and budget of this would be carried. Pending that study the Cabinet and Executive officers have authorized me as chairman of this special committee here to begin the search for a case worker and arrange to start the program.

The project as thus far conceived and authorized from here does not overlook the service of Harry and Mabel Rasmussen. They would still come into the picture as the residents in charge of the Center when we come to that. Meanwhile, the case worker would be the single woman who would carry the program from the Center to the community. If you have any further suggestions at this point please let me have them from you and the Committee.

On the matter of the building, how long will the Legion wait for a final decision on the purchase of the Legion Hall? No funds will be available until after the meeting of the Board during the third week in February. It seems unlikely also that we can get any decision on whether or not we would purchase the building until after the Priority Committee meets just prior to this meeting of the Board.

December 26, 1956

If we would take the Legion building we could get underway in much less time and I feel from \$10,000 to \$20,000 less than if we waited to build a new one. Also, as Glen Carson said, we would not need to insulate the building on the inside immediately although this would save a considerable expense in heat over many months. Has there been any indication from the Legion what they would take for the two lots behind the building? A reasonable price on these two lots might have something to do with the decision as to whether or not the Board would purchase the property.

Sorry that we do not have a complete answer on this yet. We have made two steps of progress but it is doubtful whether we can get an answer on the purchase or provision of a building as the third step within the next six weeks. Meanwhile, it might be well to have a meeting of your committee there and see if you have any further suggestions which would strengthen our appeal here.

Regards to all.

Cordially yours,

JEW:dj

J. Earl Jackman

cc: The Rev. Brian Cleworth

"Thanksgiving Offering"
on check: - "~~Thanks~~Offering"

December 26, 1956

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278.- check

The Rev. Robert S. Lutz

East 8th Ave. & Downing St.
Denver, Colo.

Corona Presbyterian Church

Denver, Colo.

Alaska Misc'l SOB-IFC CH/B - Fairbanks Eskimo Youth Center

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Dept. of Work in Alaska
per *[Signature]*

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December 28, 1956

The Rev. Robert S. Lutz
East 8th Avenue & Downing Street
Denver, Colo.

Dear Bob:

We are grateful to you and your congregation for the check for \$278. which represents your Thanksgiving Day offering and is to be applied to the Eskimo Center in Fairbanks. This is a real encouragement for us at this time because we are struggling to find the funds to make it possible to have this Center.

You will be interested to know that our Cabinet has approved the program and has found a source of funds to employ a person to be in charge of it for 1957. We are now seeking the funds for a building in which to carry the program. All of the priority money from 1955 giving which was available in 1956 has been expended, and we are hoping for enlarged giving from 1956 will be available in 1957 for such purposes. Our present plan is to use these gifts which are coming in now to furnish the building for the program. You can see that this will be a real benefit to the work. Please express our gratitude to your people.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEL:FK



First Presbyterian Church

DEKALB AND AIRY STREETS

Norristown, Pennsylvania

December 31, 1956

J M CORUM JR DD
CLYDE L MELLINGER JR
MINISTERS

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

You will be receiving a check for \$940.00 in the very near future. This is a contribution from our Sunday School toward the construction of a "Center" for Eskimo girls in Alaska.

I trust that this will be helpful to you in your endeavors to raise the money for such an establishment. May the Lord continue to bless the work in Alaska....and continue to renew your vigor.

Faithfully yours,

Clyde L. Mellinger Jr.
Clyde L. Mellinger, Jr.

CLM:fm

January 3, 1957

Dr. J. M. Corum, Jr.
First Presbyterian Church
DeKalb and Airy Streets
Norristown, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Corum:

Many thanks for the gifts which came in from you recently for the Eskimo Center and the Soboleff family. We have followed your guidance in sending a note of thanks to each one concerned.

We can sincerely return your mention of gratitude for our contact together. When I stop to think of what you have done over the years for the advancement of the Kingdom enterprise in so many places and with so many people, we thank God for your ministry and I am personally thankful for meeting you and sharing, even briefly, in the great work in your church which you are promoting. The Christian world and the mission enterprise are richer for having you.

Sincerely yours,

JES:dj

J. Earl Jackman

January 10, 1957

note sent sheet

940.- check

Mr. Clyde L. Mellinger, Jr.

First Presbyterian Church
Dekalb and Airy Streets
Morristown, Penna.

Sunday School

First Presbyterian Church

Morristown, Penna.

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Dept. of Work in Alaska
per

January 4, 1957

VIA AIRMAIL

Miss Lorna E. Logan
Christian Service Department
Donaldina Cameron House
920 Sacramento Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Logan:

Dr. Jackman will be in the San Francisco area for conferences on Tuesday, January 8th. He will be at the Stewart Hotel at 10:00 A.M. but has no commitments for the afternoon. He would like to confer with you at that time in reference to limited service in Anchorage, Alaska. Will you please leave a message for Dr. Jackman at the Stewart Hotel whether it will or will not be convenient for you to confer with him on Tuesday afternoon, January 8th? Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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First Presbyterian Church

DEKALB AND AIRY STREETS
Norristown, Pennsylvania

January 8, 1957

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J M CORUM JR DD.
CLYDE L MELLINGER JR
MEMBER

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Enclosed is the check for \$940.00
that we referred to in our letter of December 31.
This is a contribution from our Sunday School toward
the construction of a "Center" for Eskimo girls in
Alaska.

We trust that this will be helpful.

Faithfully yours,

Clyde L. Mellinger, Jr.
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DONALDINA CAMERON HOUSE

920 SACRAMENTO STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 8, CALIFORNIA

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Conducted by
The Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Lorna Logan, Executive

January 11, 1957

TELEPHONE EXBROOK 2-4768

Dr. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman,

The situation among our Eskimo people who are gathering in Fairbanks, Alaska, has been very much on my mind since our talk on Tuesday. It certainly calls for Christian action and is, undoubtedly, our responsibility particularly because so many of our Presbyterian young people are involved.

It seems that there are several positive factors in the situation as we try to find a solution. First is the deep interest and concern of the local church. Without a local group that sees the problem and wants to help in doing something about it, it seems to me that it would be a very difficult thing for anyone going in from outside to accomplish much. Second is the availability of a couple in the local community who know the problem, have Christian concern about it and are willing to serve as house parents in the center that may be set up. Third is the availability of at least some consultation service from Isabel Miller who knows the field and can bring her professional skill as well as her Christian understanding to bear on the problem. It seems rather presumptuous for me with my very slight knowledge of the situation to make any suggestion. From what you have told me, however, I would feel that to provide housing for a group of these girls would be an essential part of the program. The adjustment from the old Eskimo way of life to the western pattern is a very difficult one and one in which the girls' own families evidently can give them little help. There seems to be a pretty complete lack of other resources available in Fairbanks. Our own experience here, I think, has shown us the value of having available residence for a few girls where they may live in a home-like situation with Christian people and find help in applying their Christian faith in the very new situation that they face; and where they, also, may receive the very practical and necessary training that will help them find work in American families, which seems to be the best opening for them at present. Sometimes, I think our mission fields have educated young people away from their people and then, send them back to their old home; and they have, sometimes, felt lost and estranged. This seems not to be the situation in Fairbanks where it would seem that the whole future of these people will be to continue in these larger centers where there are better economic opportunities. Again, it seems a pretty sound principle that we begin by meeting the felt needs of the community even though we may see that there are other needs that also need to be met; in this case, the need, that apparently to the community is most urgent, is for housing for these girls.

How does Lorna know?

With the apparently complete lack of resources, there will certainly be proposals made as to what services should be undertaken and this requires careful study.

This whole situation certainly calls urgently for a professionally trained Christian social worker. It would be very unwise, I think, to attempt to start any services without such direction. As I indicated on Tuesday, because of our staff situation here, I do not see any possibility of my getting away for even six months. It occurs to me that Miss May Ross Taylor who is, at present, with the Board of Foreign Missions there at 156, is a trained social worker and I am wondering if she might have some contact with any trained Christian persons who would be able and willing to give six months or more in service to this very needy project. It contains a challenge that would certainly make one want to respond it at all possible.

Sincerely yours,

Lorna Logan
Lorna Logan

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January 17, 1957

Miss Lorna Logan
920 Sacramento Street
San Francisco 8, Calif.

Dear Miss Logan:

Thank you for your letter of January 11 which you wrote so promptly after my visit with you. We are sorry that you feel that you cannot get away to begin our project in Fairbanks, but recognize your first loyalty to Donaladina Cameron House. You have put some things in your letter which will be very helpful to us in making plans for the future. If you have further suggestions or have information about possible personnel, we would be happy to hear from you again.

Sincerely yours,

JEW:FE

J. Earl Jackson

January 31, 1957

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60.- check

The Rev. Clyde L. Mellinger, Jr.

First Presbyterian Church

DeKalb and Airy Sts.

Norristown, Penna.

Sabbath School Association

First Presbyterian Church, Norristown, Penna.

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DEKALB AND AIRY STREETS

Norristown, Pennsylvania

January 30, 1957

JAN 31 1957
J M CORUM JR DD
CLYDE L MELLINGER JR
MINISTERS

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Enclosed find a check for \$60.00. This is to be added to the other \$940.00 that we recently sent to you for the home in Alaska. Through the generosity of an individual in our Sunday School, we are able to make our gift toward this institution \$1000.00. We are pleased about this and hope that you will find it most useful.

Faithfully yours,

Clyde L. Mellinger, Jr.

CLM:fm
Encl.

First Presbyterian Church

P.O. BOX 2157

February 1, 1957

VICTOR I. ALFSEN
Pastor

Dear Dr. Jackman . . .

It was very helpful to have your letters for our joint meeting of the elders and trustees the other night. They voted unanimously to accept the responsibility for this first year feeling that we would not be obligated financially to any large extent.

However, Jim Winfree after the meeting suggested that in '58 we increase our benevolence from 15% to 20% and keep 10% here which would amount to about \$2,000.

A tentative board of management has been selected consisting of the following:

Brian Cleworth - representing the Board

Bert Bingle - from Yukon presby's comm. on Nat. Miss.

John Stokes - local minister

Victor Alfsen - pastor of sponsoring church

Marion Horton - from local session

Files Negovanna - from local trustees and Eskimo

Jay Bickel - from local trustees and excellent treasurer project

Mrs. Maryann Turner - from College church; teaches Yehimo class

every Sunday

Bishop Mr. Gordon - Episcopal; keenly interested in project

Mrs. Frances Burnham - Episcopaa - great worker on community

projects like TB and March of Dimes

Mrs. Marvin Haum - very active in luth. church.

Charles Cole - local lawyer and current city magistrate; he has to deal with all vagrants etc.

Alterations amounting to about \$900 will fix us up nicely and will probably get under way Monday. We can use the volunteer gifts as soon as possible.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO: The Rev. Victor I. Alfson, Box 7157, Fairbanks, Alaska
 FROM: Dept. of Work in Alaska - New York, N.Y. DATE: 2/13/57
 RE: Fairbanks, Eskimo Youth Center contributions

We are enclosing per Board's check for \$5883.90 which represents gifts received here at headquarters designated for the Eskimo Youth Center in Fairbanks. Dr. Jackson has authorized that the following list of donors accompany the check:

1955 Contributions:

Women's Association, Church of the Covenant, Cleveland, Ohio!	\$ 230.00
(Correspondent: Mrs. James M. Ketch, 991 Roanoke Rd., Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio)	
First Presbyterian Church, York, Penna.	154.66
(Cor.: Dr. Ernest T. Campbell, 7 No. Queen St., York, Pa.)	

1956 Contributions:

(thru Dr.	
King's Daughters, Westfield Pby. Church, New Castle, Pa. Haverfield)	15.95
First Presbyterian Church, Waterloo, Iowa	350.52
(Cor.: The Rev. Herbert Hierenfield, Franklin St. at Park Ave., Waterloo, Iowa)	
First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Penna.	1,000.00
(Cor.: Mr. David W. Watt, 203 Pleasure Road, Lancaster, Pa.)	
Mrs. Vincent Keesey, 129 E. Market St., York, Penna.	25.00
Dr. Ernest T. Campbell, 7 No. Queen St., York, Pa.	25.00
First Presbyterian Church, York, Penna. thru Dr. Ernest T. Campbell	50.75
Mrs. Bertha M. Kitchen, 712 Walnut Place, Havertown, Pa.	500.00
First Presbyterian Church, Poland, Ohio	500.00
(Cor.: The Rev. Hugh Gunn, 2 Poland Manor Dr., Poland, Ohio)	
Women's Auxiliary, Presbyterian Church, Woodlake, Calif.	10.00
(Cor.: Mrs. Erwin D. Denton, Woodlake, Calif.)	
First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Pa.	15.00
(Cor.: Dr. John M. Gordon, 110 E. Orange St., Lancaster, Pa.)	
Junior Dept., First Presbyterian S.S., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho	8.67
(Cor.: Mrs. E. V. Boughton, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho)	
12 Groups; Cor.: Dr. Bruce McCullough, 400 Fifth Ave., So. Clinton, Ia.	344.00
Dr. R. E. Haverfield, 206 E. Second Avenue, DuBois, Pa.	25.00
A Friend, Norristown, Pa.	2.00
Corona Presbyterian Church, Denver, Colo.	278.00
(Cor.: The Rev. Robert S. Lutz, East 8th Ave. & Downing St., Denver, Colo.)	
First Presbyterian Church, Hastings, Neb.	200.00
(Cor.: Dr. Silas Kessler, 715 No. Lincoln Ave., Hastings, Neb.)	
Mr. F. M. Barnoshi, Hastings, Nebraska	35.00
Miss Lillias A. Joy, 902 Goodrich Ave., St. Paul, Minn.	1,000.00
Mrs. Mellor's Sunday School Class, First Presby. Church, DeKalb & Airy Streets, Norristown, Pa. } thru Dr. Corum	20.00
Mrs. George J. Meyers, Norristown, Pa.	1.00
Women's Missionary Society, First Presby. Church, Ivanhoe, Calif.	25.00
(Cor.: Mrs. H. A. McKellar, Route 2 - Box 428, Visalia, Calif.)	
First Presbyterian Sunday School, Norristown, Penna.	940.00
(Cor.: Mr. Clyde L. Mellinger, Jr., First Presbyterian Church, DeKalb and Airy Sts., Norristown, Pa.)	
Corona, Presbyterian Sunday School, Denver, Colo.	104.35
(Cor.: The Rev. Robert S. Lutz, East 8th Ave., & Downing St., Denver, Colo.)	

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TOTAL..... \$5,883.90

Enclosed check #A16037 - \$5883.90

At Fairbanks, Alaska just before
Rev. Lauffer (J.E. R. Galloway; Dr. Mary)
R. Jackson
Fairbanks, Makino Youth Center

2/19/57

Dr. Mary has agreed to place the responsibility for the operation of the Makino Center in Fairbanks in the First Church of Fairbanks. They have appointed their local Board of Management (tentative) consisting of the following:

Walter Leavorth - representing the Board;
Art Maule - from Yukon Presbytery's Committee on Nat'l Missions;
John Stokes - local minister;
Victor Alfson - pastor of sponsoring Church;
Marion Horton - from local Session;
Wesley Bergstrom - from local Trustees and Mission;
Ray Mabel - from local Trustees and excellent treasurer project;
Mrs. Burton Turner - from College Church; teaches Bible class every Sunday;
Missop W. Gordon - Episcopal; keenly interested in project;
Mrs. Frances Burton - Episcopal - great worker on community projects like TB and March of Dimes;
Mrs. Harvie Olson - very active in Lutheran Church;
Charles Cole - local lawyer and current city magistrate;
he has to deal with all vagrants, etc.

The \$1500. salary from Dr. Mary in your budget was to be made available for personnel and program for this Center. We need to make arrangements to have this available upon call to Fairbanks.

JSJ:PK

J. Earl Jackson

Dictated by Dr. Jackson;
signed in his absence.

*at
Fairbanks. Check for \$450.*

March 7, 1957

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. Victor I. Alfsen
Box 2157
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Alfsen:

The enclosed check for \$450. is another gift designated for the Eskimo Youth Center and should be credited to the proper account. This is from the Corona Presbyterian Church, East 7th Avenue & Downing Street, Denver, Colo. and the correspondent is Mr. Robert S. Lutz who was your guest on the Preaching Mission of last year.

Sincerely yours,

Dept. of Work in Alaska
per

FK

Att.: Ck. #A47212-\$450.-

Copy attached

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4/5/57
Handwritten notes in red ink



First Presbyterian Church

Corner Seventh and Cushman
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
Victor I. Alfsen, Pastor

March 28, 1957

Victor I. Alfsen, Pastor

Dr. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church, USA
156 5th Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

We were so glad to see you although it was for so short a visit but we are hoping that next time you come to Fairbanks, you will be able to spend more time with us at Hospitality House. Harry and I felt much encouraged after talking with you. Since you were here the rugs and some furniture have been put in the Social room. The linoleum has also been laid in our room and Harry is hoping to get both bath rooms painted over this week end.

Interest in our project has been increasing. Although so many people have felt there was a great need for this work, no one group seemed to be able to go ahead with it. It seemed a hopeless sort of project so now that the Presbyterians are really doing something, others are getting interested in many ways. The Women's Guild from the Episcopal Church is thinking about giving us a Television set. We will be most glad to accept it. Another group will discuss giving us a dryer at their next meeting and still another club is giving us a small radio for one of the girl's rooms. When the secretary of our Board of Management contacted the radio stations, they were more than glad to give us time, even to putting us on as often as every two weeks to tell what we are doing. We will also be given time on Television. The newspapers too, have been most cooperative. The Alaska Native Service, The Department of Public Welfare and the local Health Center have all expressed their appreciation at having a place to send some of the girls whose needs we can meet. Then too, although Fairbanks is not an easy town in which to raise funds for such a project, we find that many people are giving in many other ways than money. We have received linens, towels, beds and bedding, mostly new but in good condition. There has been many boxes of food brought in and last week we found a Hoover cleaner left in the kitchen while we were out. These perhaps are small gifts but help out greatly to get the work going and to keep interest alive.

Since starting the work we find that our Eskimo women's group is growing. You remember we had (and still have) the Home-maker's Club. When we began to see for this project we opened it up to all ages and it has worked out quite well. We are also starting a club with the younger girls on Saturday afternoons and they will begin as did the others with sewing and cooking. They will come to Hospitality House rather than the church basement for this type of class. Some of the women of the church have offered to help with this group or with others we wish to organize.

You met the three girls we have with us now and I shall write a brief description of each one to give the Mission Board an idea of a few of their needs. We could have had every bed filled by now but our space is limited and it is our desire to help those who not only need help but desire it also. We have been very careful in deciding who to take. It is difficult because we would like so much to help them all. When a girl comes to us for assistance, we take plenty of time just talking about herself and her plans and also explain thoroughly that we are here to help her to help herself, and that although we try to have as few rules as possible, those we do have must be kept. We also check with the social agencies for further information and in that way can get a pretty good idea as to her possibilities. For instance just this morning a girl wanted to come here to stay. I knew her slightly and was not too favorably impressed. After talking with the Native Service I found their record of her not too good. She has been known to forge checks, steal and of course lying went along with it. She is clever enough so that although she travels with a gang, she manages not to get caught. As she is already in a foster home we feel she is not our sort of problem. Perhaps in time to come when this work has grown and we have a staff to care for such cases others like her can be helped. She is being referred to the Mental Health Team. Here is some of the information on the girls we have -

1. This 19 year-old Eskimo girl with her one week-old baby boy had no place to go other than the shack owned by her parents, in which live the parents, a grown son and a younger daughter. At present the father of this family is serving time in the Federal Jail for beating the mother while in a drunken rage. The mother is also an alcoholic. This family when living in Barrow was considered sound and well liked. This young girl spent over a year in the San. There was no place for her to go so she went back to her parents and until the filth and brooding became an easy prey for what happened to her. She is now doing a good job of caring for her baby and is anxious to go to work as soon as she is strong enough. She is trying to find a place where she can keep her baby with her.
2. Our next girl is also 19 years old and in her senior year of High School. She is part Irish-Eskimo and Indian. Very bright and intelligent. Father deceased and mother working in Seward San. Our first contact with her came through the Legal Officer of the Native Service who had seen her traveling with a wild group of G. I.'s and young girls. She was most unhappy at the home in which she was living so just failed to go home at night. She spent from midnight until morning in an all night coffee shop with a gang - naturally she would sleep through her classes. We were uncertain as to our ability to help her but she has surprised us with her changed attitude. It is early to tell much but we are hoping she will finish her year and graduate. She came in late twice but Harry let her know in no uncertain terms how he felt about it and she agreed not to do it again. We shall see.
3. Our third girl is also 19 years and is a graduate of Sheldon Jackson High School. Welfare asked us to take her while she looks for work other than housework. She has done nothing else since leaving school and wants a change. She has her application in for work at the Tanana Hospital and hopes to get on before long.

Two of these girls are being paid for by Welfare beginning in April. It is a great advantage to have the girls here where we can see what they can do and how they react to this environment. I have in the past placed many girls in jobs of housework or baby care but have often found that just talking with a girl is not enough. So often they know so little about the simplest kind of housework. The Employment Agency has at so much trouble with girls they have sent out on jobs that they are most happy to take anyone we can recommend and have asked if we would instruct some of the less efficient ones as to what is expected of them. They are also recommending that the girls get recommendations from us when possible. Sometimes we can help but often we cannot.

I suppose by the next time I write you we will be going still steam ahead and be filled to the brim. Well, that is what we want.

Here is a list of some of the things we will be needing:

Pajamas- girls size 14 -16

Towels any number

Sheets - twin size any number

Pillow slips " "

Bed Spreads -twin size 8

Pillows any number

Blankets " "

Sewing machines- portable electric 3

Baby Blankets - used will do

Baby shirts 12 or more- these too can be used

Diapers- 6 doz.

Any type of hand sewing-embroidery -crotchet thread or yarn.

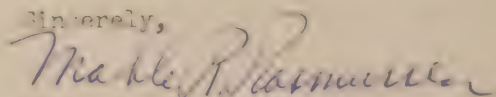
Games such as checkers- dominoes- dominoes; jigsaw puzzles or any type of game that is not too difficult and will keep them interested.

We need a Table Tennis set but one or two will do and we can perhaps get that later.

I neglected to mention that the Weaver's Guild here in Fairbanks has offered us the use of a loom for making rugs and will send someone to teach the girls how to use it. They are quite enthusiastic about it.

This is an awful letter but hope you can wade through it and use what you wish.

Sincerely,



Mable R. Rasmussen
Hospitality House
1406 Airport Rd.
Fairbanks, Alaska

Note: You will notice that on many of the articles needed I have stated any number rather than any particular amount. When our young people come from school in the spring and go back again in the fall they will be stopping here. Then too, whenever there are big clinics held by the Health Dept. we are apt to have several extra people.

April 8, 1957

The Rev. Victor I. Alfsen
Box 2157
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Vic:

Again, we have brought up the matter of a permanent home for the Seldene Center and have been strongly reminded of two basic things: namely, that on the basis of the report of Ed Hilleo, the Executive Officers of the Board are opposed to the purchase of the American Legion Building for this purpose; and secondly, that no further recommendation will be made favoring an appropriation for a center unless or until we have adequate, specific information which will prove that facilities are needed for a large enough number of girls and activities to justify an expenditure of \$50,000 to \$60,000 for this purpose.

In the matter of the Legion Building, it has been pointed out that it is presented as an unattractive building which was not designed for the purpose of the Seldene Center, and would have to have too large an amount of money spent on it for renovation for this purpose.

Dr. Morse took the position that if the numbers of people and the volume of activities justified it, he would be willing to recommend to the Priorities Committee an appropriation of sufficient size for the construction of such a building. However, since that discussion was held, there was a decision here to turn over the responsibility for this to the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks under the specific guidance of a local committee, and have the church take whatever responsibility they could or would for it. Nothing more will be done on this here unless or until we receive a specific statement which includes figures and reports to show how many Seldene people there are in Fairbanks who would be served by such a Center, how many girls there are working, remaining in, and going to Fairbanks to justify having it, how many girls would be housed in the room accommodations, approximately how long each would remain there until a job could be found, specifically what jobs are or would be available, what arrangements will be made to help the girls get these jobs, what follow-up there will be after they get the jobs, what continued relationship they would have with the Center, what group activities would be planned in and in relationship to the Center, and so forth, and so forth. We recognize that some of those questions may

is difficult to answer because you have not gone through the experience of it very long. Also there should be some definite re-examination or plan for the number of staff people who would be involved and the budget which will be necessary (income and expenditures) for the operation of the Center (in our meeting in Fairbanks, when Miss Irvine was present, we did project a budget and we talked in terms of having the Eskimoes live in the Center and having a single worker who would make all contacts and arrangements for and with the girls outside of the Center). I repeat, it will be necessary to have as much explicit information covering this as possible before anything more can be done here.

The question has been asked whether or not the local church could continue to lease the American Legion building for an indefinite period. We recognize that you have a temporary situation and have the just want renovation to care for a temporary situation to get the work started. There is no point in spending more money within the present building unless we are to have a long-term lease or purchase the building. Under the present situation, you do not have a completely adapted building for a full program. Since the project has been turned over to the First Church, it would be your decision whether you wanted to take a long-term lease or take the responsibility of the purchase of the building, either in the name of the church or the name of the trustees of the Presbytery. No funds would be recommended from here toward the purchase. This does not mean, however, that individual gifts or gifts from interested groups could not be secured which could be applied to its purchase. An increasing number of people who have heard of the need have asked what they could do, and additional gifts may come in here designated for the building, which would be passed on to you to help meet the payments if your church or the trustees of the Presbytery wanted to take the obligation. The decision on this is up to you.

In the matter at hand now, the responsibility for the project is in the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks through your locally associated board, with a contribution from the Board of National Missions to personnel and program. The contribution implies that you will have someone on the staff who is definitely concerned about the welfare of the Eskimo girls and people, and that there will be a trained social worker involved along with a modest amount of cost of the program. If and when you can present such a specific report which shows the need for a building of sufficient size to warrant an appropriation from the Board of National Missions for or toward that building, this information, along with a request from the officers of your church, or the Board of the Eskimo Center with the approval of the officers of your church, to the Board of National Missions requesting an appropriation of this size.

Since your church is responsible for this, and our Department has the contact relation with the churches in Alaska, the Cabinet has decided that our office shall be the one to be the channel through which communications should go to the Board, and through which payments from the program expense amount would be made to the treasurer of your local board for the Center.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

cc. The Rev. Brian Cleworth
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Presbytery of Yukon

IN ALASKA

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U S A

APR 17 1957

April 11, 1957

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Jackman:

The following recommendation of the National Missions Committee of Yukon Presbytery was adopted by the Presbytery at the Spring meeting, 1957:

"That the Board of National Missions be asked to appropriate money to buy or build a building for the Hospitality Center in Fairbanks."

Cordially,

Jan Stokes
Stated Clerk



First Presbyterian Church

Corner Seventh and Cushman
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Victor I. Alfsen, Pastor

April 16, 1957

Dear Dr. Jackman . . .

Greetings from a very spring-like Fairbanks. Almost 50 today!

First some ideas on your last letter regarding the Eskimo Hospitality House.

We are still very disheartened to find out that the powers that be continue to look with disfavor on any purchase of this building. There is only ONE person not in favor of it up here and that is of course Ed Philleo. Everybody else is getting more and more enthusiastic about the building, the location and everything.

We have a short meeting (Elmer, Bert, Mrs. Rasmussen and myself) and here are some quick thoughts:

1. Find out from NY if funds would be forthcoming to continue to rent the Legion Hall for three years if Legion was willing?
2. We would then be in a position to make an intelligent survey of needs and costs.
3. Would you find for us a Christian trained social worker who would be interested in the soul salvation of the Eskimo girls and could such a worker be placed within the next few months for this fall and winter program.

Bert wrote down other minor recommendations but I believe the above hits most of them.

By the way, Mrs. Pugh, in charge of local welfare office, told Mrs. Rasmussen, "How in the world did we ever get along without this place?" Right now we have seven girls in the home and have turned down several more.

I handed over your letter concerning finances to Jay Bickel and he will be glad to give you a complete statement in a few days. He is completely sold on this project and gives it much time and interest."

Any more definite information regarding summer replacements? As soon as you have definite commitments, we would like to have names and dates of arrival so we can plan temporary pulpit supplies etc.

APR 18 1957

Oh, I forgot to tell you; the session passed the following motion: If the NY office is willing to buy the Legion Hall First church would be responsible for the renovations (that's to get around the 18,000 dollard figure).

The session also voted to ask John Stokes to moderate the session in my absence and also to buy Elmer a \$300 Bell and Howell camera that he has been eyeing lately. He certainly has been a wonderful help here?

The session is also interested in a full-time staff person who would give half time to music and some time to office or Sunday school or youth work. Would there be a possibility of combining such a person with the Eskimo work or with military calling. Our church could pay half the salary at least. I was authorized to look for such a person on my travels this summer. Do you have any prospects?

By the way, what are your ideas on the future of the Eskimo work? Marion Horton feels that it is a shame to have a different person in charge of the work every few months.

Things are coming along very nicely for the drive with Mr. Bedell. I am enclosing some of the mailed material to date.

My family, the officers and members of our church and I join in wishing you a blessed Easter.

In Christian Fellowship,

Vic

P.S. I checked with the real estate dealer who is handling Westgate and he said a cash settlement would bring the balance down to \$2950. I believe Paul Evans is writing you regarding this; that is a possible loan or grant to help us secure that lot.

MEMORANDUM

W. Sharp, Capt. Dr. Morse, Dr. Locke, Dr. Chappel
 P. Jackson
 Program at Marine Center in Fairbanks, Alaska

April 21, 1957

In accordance with your request we have gathered the names and addresses of individuals who have returned recently from the Arctic region to Fairbanks, Alaska, and the names of people that would be expected to be available. We have not yet received as much specific information as you would like to have. Some of the names of men have been collected and not yet verified because the program just got under way during January, and that is now not yet under way. The names of total residents in the Arctic region will be. The following information is available on individuals and their parents, and particularly the sons of April 1956 and April 1957. A letter from Mrs. Thomsen dated March 28, 1957.

There are now in Fairbanks about 100 to 120 men from the Arctic regions. Their entrance into Fairbanks is caused largely by the fact that they had employment with high wages for some construction work on the Arctic coast which has now been discontinued, and their sons have left the area and employment. Difficulties have been difficult for all of the family. These boys have had to work on the farm and other place and need assistance and help in getting adjusted to the environment and to new methods of employment. Some of them have been led to the area of social difficulties. It is the purpose of the center to provide a service to all of the boys and girls to wherever possible, but to provide some assistance where a service value will be added to the boys and girls.

It is proposed that the building which houses the center could have some additional space for the boys and girls, and have an other building constructed which will have the necessary living and employment. It is the purpose of the center to provide a service to all of the boys and girls to wherever possible, but to provide some assistance where a service value will be added to the boys and girls. It is believed that there are fifty to sixty girls for whom this would provide a valuable service, but not all of them need a place to live. The number of those who can be accommodated will vary, and the arrangements for the building need to be thought out in order to have a larger number of girls for a some limited time if this is necessary.

In certain periods of the year, the number of children and teenagers, there are fifteen to twenty-five girls who are away from home, and it is proposed that there be a number of beds in the building which can be set up for overnight accommodations during these periods of travel.

The center could include recreational activities and meeting periods for the young people. Some of the girls have had training in how to live and how to live on their own responsibility, they could come back for meeting recreation in the center. The building could provide a living room and some of the other facilities for their benefit.

There is a place to meet. Mrs. Thomsen has had a house and this would be the place where the girls can live and meet. There is a place to meet.

In the recent letter building, there were some new things and some old things. The letter building has been started. We do not have an exact figure on this, but twenty to thirty girls have been added in the past. Also, since they have had the center, they have started such a club for the girls on Saturday afternoons. The letter of April 1934 from Mr. Haggensen indicates a response and growth from the Lewis people in the movement.

Following our action in January, 1937, of transferring the women's building for this purpose to the First Presbyterian Church of Portland, the following local board was elected:

Chairman: The Rev. Victor Alfson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.
Jay Bickel, Treasurer, trustee of the local church.
The Rev. A. J. Hinkle, Presbyterian minister and representative of the National Christian Committee of the Presbytery.
The Rev. John H. Hinkle, assistant secretary, the Association of Churches of the Pacific.
Mr. Nathan Hinkle, Elder of the local church and volunteer worker among the sailors.
Miss Hinkle, sister of the local church.
The Rev. John Hinkle, pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of Collins.
Mr. Nathan Hinkle, local Presbyterian worker among the sailors.
Miss Hinkle, sister of the local church.
Mrs. Hinkle, local Presbyterian worker.
Mrs. Marvin Hinkle, member of the local Lutheran Church.
and Charles Hinkle, local minister, who is the City Registrar.

Following our letter to Mr. Alfson on April 1937 asking for some specific information, we have received a letter from Mr. Alfson about several things which he asks the following paragraphs should relate to the question of the Lewis Center:

What was said in your last letter regarding the Lewis Registering House.

We are still very disappointed in that we did not know that the Lewis Registering House is not with the Lewis as we supposed of this building. There is only one person and he does not know of it. We have no idea of it of course. We would like to see the building and we are very enthusiastic about the building, the location and everything.

We had a short meeting (Alfson, Hinkle, Mr. Haggensen and myself) and here are some quick thoughts:

1. Had our first meeting in the building in connection with the Lewis Hall for three years if location was all right.
2. We would like to be in a position to have a building of our own and we would like to have a building of our own.
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But we have some other ideas and suggestions but I believe the above list will be of use.

"By the way, Mrs. Ruth, in charge of local welfare office, told Mrs. Rasmussen, 'How in the world did we ever get along without this place?' Right now we need a new life in the area and have found some unusual ones."

"I would want your father concerning this matter for the time being and he will be glad to give you a complete statement in a few days. He is completely sold on this project and gives it much the same old treatment."

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"On April 12th, we received a letter from Mrs. J. H. Clark of the 2nd district of Yukon, reporting that the 'Board of Trustees' had taken the following action at the spring meeting in 1937: 'That the Board of Trustees be asked to recommend to the Board of Trustees to buy the Legion Hall, the First Church will be responsible for the renovations necessary to get the hall up to date. This would include new painting, contributions from the State and from Fairbanks, as well as volunteer labor from the Fairbanks area for the completion of necessary work.'"

J. H. Clark

4/13/37

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

*see 9/1/57 memo
as supplement*

TO: Mr. Sharp. Cc.: Dr. Morse, Dr. Locke, Dr. Chappel
FROM: Dr. Jackman
RE: Program at Eskimo Center in Fairbanks, Alaska

DATE April 23, 1957

In accordance with your request we have attempted to secure more specific information about the proposed program for the Eskimo Center in Fairbanks, Alaska, and the number of people who would be involved in its activities. We have not yet received as much specific information as you would like to have. Some of the figures which have been requested are not yet available because the program just got under way during February, so that it does not yet appear what the volume of total services to the Eskimo people will be. The following information summarizes our summaries of earlier reports, and particularly the memo of April 11th which had with it a copy of a letter from Mrs. Rasmussen dated March 28, 1957.

There are now in Fairbanks about 600 to 800 Eskimo people from the Arctic regions. Their entrance into Fairbanks is caused largely by the fact that they had employment with high wages for some construction work on the Arctic coast which has now been discontinued, and they have come into the city for employment. Adjustments have been difficult for all of the family. There have been hardest on the teen-age and older girls who need guidance and help in getting adjusted to a new environment and to new avenues of employment. Many of them have been led into moral and social difficulties. It is the purpose of the center to perform a service to any and all of the Eskimo people in whatever way possible, but to concentrate more particularly upon a program which will be helpful to the teen-age and older girls.

It is proposed that the building which houses the center would have accommodations for ten or twelve girls, who have no other living accommodations which will lead them to constructive life and employment, to live in the center and receive training and guidance in preparation for jobs and adjustments to Western standards of living. It is believed that there are fifty to sixty girls for whom this would provide a valuable service, but not all of them need a place to live. The number of those who can be accommodated will vary, and the accommodations in the building need to be flexible enough to carry a larger number of girls for a more limited time if this is necessary.

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Without a place to meet, Mrs. Rasmussen has had a Homemakers Club among the Eskimo women for guidance in sewing and cooking. Since the program has begun

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO: Dr. Sharp Cc.: Dr. Morse, Dr. Locke, Dr. [unclear]
 FROM: Dr. Jackman DATE
 RE: Program at Eskimo Center in Fairbanks, Alaska - PAGE 2

April 23, 1957

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 The Rev. Brian Elsworth, Assistant Secretary, the Department of Work in Alaska,
 Mr. Marion Horton, Elder of the local church and volunteer worker among the
 Eskimos,
 Silas Negovanna, Eskimo Trustee of the local church,
 The Rev. John Stokes, Pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church of College,
 Mrs. Norman Turner, local Presbyterian worker among the Eskimos,
 Bishop William Gordon, Bishop of the Episcopal Church,
 Mrs. Frances Burnham, local Episcopal worker,
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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

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Dr. Sharp Co.: Dr. Morse, Dr. Locke, Dr. Chappel
Dr. Jackman DATE
Program at Eskimo Center at Fairbanks, Alaska - PAGE 3

April 23, 1957

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"The session passed the following motion: If the NY office is willing to buy the Legion Hall, First Church would be responsible for the renovations (that's to get around the 12,000 dollars figure)."

On April 17th we received a letter from Jean Stokes, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Yukon, reporting that the Presbytery had taken the following action at the spring meeting in 1957: "That the Board of National Missions be asked to appropriate money to buy or build a building for the Hospitality Center in Fairbanks." You will note that Mr. Alfson reports that the session of the First Presbyterian Church has taken an action that if the Board is willing to purchase the Legion Hall, the First Church will be responsible for the renovations necessary to put the full building into use. This would be done from voluntary contributions from the States and from Fairbanks, as well as volunteer labor from the Fairbanks area for the completion of necessary renovations.

J. Earl Jackman

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MAY 20 1957



First Presbyterian Church

Corner Seventh and Cushman
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Victor I. Alfson, Pastor

May 14, 1957

Dear Dr. Jackman . . .

It was a great relief to get your telegram regarding the summer supplies for Fairbanks. And to think that you found a man that I have known for these many years.

I have just written Rev. Klein in some detail but there are sure to be things that will come up as I think more and more about his duties here. But then there are so many fine laymen here that will help him out all along the way, as you well know.

The paragraph about the Hospitality House sounded more encouraging than your letters have for a long time. And we are happy that Bedell had a chance to see the work. Yes, to see the house in operation is to realize the need that it is meeting. This Sunday, May 19, will be Open House for the people of Fairbanks so they can see first hand what we are doing. We were presented with a clothes drier recently and that will help the work load. Today a check came thru from the Department of Public Welfare for more than 150 dollars for April,

As far as program is concerned the House has now had some 15 steady customers. Of these three got steady jobs and one got married. One girl was handed over to us as being pretty much a losing proposition. She was a senior in high school but no one gave her much of a chance to finish. The quiet, loving atmosphere of the House made a new girl out of her and this Friday she will be receiving her diploma from Fbks H1.

At other times the House is buzzing with activity. Over 20 women now meet regularly on Friday evenings for their Homemakers club. On certain evenings young men are welcomed and it is a joy to see the couples sitting around playing checkers or watching TV or out in the kitchen over a cup of coffee indulging in the latest town gossip.

It is hard to say what the real potential of this work will be. The magistrate called up today and wanted us to take a girl instead of placing her in jail. The town is beginning to realize that we are here.

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We are still wondering whether the Board is willing to negotiate for a longer rental lease. The Legion is meeting tonight and we would have liked to have had that information. Could you let us have an opinion on that?

As far as help for the House is concerned my first choice would be for an ordained man with professional training in music who would head up our music department and also do what Elmer is doing plus more! It is anyone's guess what a music program in such a church as ours would amount to, but could he not also help with some of the routine church work, and among the youth and then still have time for the Eskimos and the House. Mrs. Rasmussen felt that a weekly Bible study in the evening would be valuable. Also such a person should be ready to visit the jails and hospitals and especially in the homes of the Eskimos. Maybe the way ~~it~~ sounds here on paper, the Board should pay 2/3 and our church 1/3 and the person be used accordingly. But ~~this~~ person would have to have more zip than Frank's assistant, right?

see above 5/11/57
Second choice would be Marion Horton but he has financial obligations that he would not be able to whittle away at on a Board salary! But he certainly is a valuable person that should be used. We are exploring, for example, the possibility of a Chapel on Badger Road, six mile out, if that should materialize Marion would be glad to serve such a work; and he could do it!

We certainly have a moral responsibility to Bert but I am not sure that the Eskimo work would suit him, or whether he would suit the Eskimo work.

However, the situation will be in good hands until Sept., isn't that right; which will give me a chance to discuss this with you when we come to New York in late June. If you are there! We would like to take in one of the Billy Graham meetings.

Again, thank you for all your looking for supplies and another assignment carried out so satisfactorily.

In Christian Fellowship,

Vic

Victor I. Alfsen

C.c.: Brian Clewerth

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Dept. of Work in Alaska
FROM Property Dept.
RE: Legion Bldg. at Fairbanks, Alaska

DATE May 22, 1957

As requested by your department, I made a personal visit and complete inspection of the above building in November 1956. These observations make no attempt to evaluate the need for, or adequacy of any proposed program - or of the suitability of the building for any specific program.

The building is relatively new, of log construction and very plain in appearance. The foundation is reinforced concrete and in excellent shape. The roof is unusually well constructed. The walls are the weakest feature of the building, but are quite adequate. The lower floor which is half underground is open except for the kitchen, toilet, and storage areas. The upper floor is almost completely open.

In general, the building is in good repair, substantially built, and the open areas provide maximum flexibility for present arrangement and possible future alterations. The building is not of what is usually considered permanent construction, but should not require excessive maintenance.

My observation of the general character of mission work is that very few programs are permanent. Most are extremely temporary when measured in terms of the life of a building.

The proposed price of the subject building is \$55,000.00. A building of comparable facilities but of more usual construction, would be approximately \$60,000.00 at this time.

The building is some distance from town. This fact may be an asset or a liability so far as program is concerned, but the location is such that the land value should be expected to appreciate.

I would suggest that the unimproved lots which are a part of this parcel should also be acquired if the building is purchased.

I can make no estimate of the cost of any changes required to adapt the property to mission purposes.

John V. Carson

Hospitality House - Philadelphia

DATE: July 12, 1957

Fairbanks, Alaska

SUBJECT: Field trip report on
Program, etc. at the Hospitality
House. June 27-July 12, 1957

I had been very interested in Mrs. Zimmerman's mental picture, and in Margaret Johnson's (social work supervisor for Alaska Health Dept.) presentation of her work here with Mrs. Burn in which she spoke with approval of both the program and the cheerful quarters, but it was good to see first hand the changes which had been made since last October in the plant, and to expect new living in the midst of the activities.

The nice job done, mostly by volunteer labor, for a very reasonable amount in adding the downstairs comfortably usable and adequately furnished is good evidence of the need for the program ~~perhaps~~ it has had local support from a variety of sources. Lots to get it under way, ¹⁹⁸⁴ to keep it going. But one has only to live here a few days to be aware of how much better the present facility could be met as well as the future program broadened, if the whole building were available for remodeling and use. If only we owned the building, we could go ahead with plans to utilize the second floor! (Not that we are not already forced to use it some, for Mrs. Smith is rooming in the downstairs cloak room, and Ann Owens and I have been pouring in the big room where I am typing right now, even though it doesn't suit our use along with the periodic intrusions of Sunday School, prayer meeting, board meetings, etc.!) Following are some of the reasons as I have observed them for increasing the available facilities:

1. There needs to be very permanently set up sleeping rooms, including 1 or 2 single rooms, in order⁽¹⁾ to separate the constant trickle of transients from the regular residents as well as to the comfort and morale of both groups; (2) to allow for the occasional isolation of ill or disturbed individuals; (3) to give better privacy and comfort to the short-stay workers; (4) to provide short time housing for visiting Presbyterians or other church workers whose personal or professional interests bring them to Portland, and who would welcome a semi-while inexpensive place to sleep. The present arrangement of having the latter sleep and work in either the living room or the "wing" - as a part of this room is not the best arrangement for either than the idea of a "host" of this room is not the best arrangement for either than the idea of the ones who live here regularly-- especially when someone like the scores from the Bowmont from Big Falls, or the Sisters from Duluth bring a child or two along.)
2. A place which can be heated and ventilated-- its business affairs records, other than the household's sleeping room, needs to be provided as well as suitable for conferences, case records, etc.
3. This room must also storage story that the residents' living room is needed for meetings, etc. activities are to be a part of the program. Finally there has been discussion about a window in the living room looking out onto the street for this section of one side of a day-sitter's house containing various comfortable chairs placed in reading and writing (illumination being satisfactory) and so on that more of one-sitters with the others by the conversation chamber, etc. or even be a few standard.

Mr. Rogers' recent comments are contained in the form of a letter which he offered to write after talking to me in the same vein in his office. I wish he had transcribed his statement about what a good try he thinks this bulletin is, even from the point of view of information -- that is, a piece of reasonably work far more than 100,000 right now and in such a good position, certainly for our purpose, but for future sale value. There is through his several newspaper columns and a column in the Buffalo New York Times.

2007-10-10

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Miss Ann O'Connell with her considerable training and security experience at SIUJ and I have an established personal relationship with her. As stated above, your telephone three day conversation would be helpful here since there is time and resources to assist her in this situation and not have this something from the outside as stated and we think it's also herself and not my idea. I agree with the safe assistance of the FBI in this regard. It is surprising to me to see the training needs of each FBI.

I could like to share with a word of appreciation for the staff, which both Mr. and Mrs. Kucharski are doing to accept and meeting the individual personal needs of each person who comes to the hospital. It is a rare thing to find a couple both so well fitted and able to contribute to the work.

CC: Mr. Stokes for the Local Board.

JUL 26 1957

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
College, Alaska

July 23, 1957

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Sorry about the delay on the photo information but your letter arrived on Thursday and I had to leave for junior camp at Harding Lake the following Monday besides preparing for Sunday. No one of the men contacted were anxious to give an estimate because of the ~~sketchiness~~² of plan and lack of detail.

I had a good talk with Ed Philleo yesterday and reviewed his report on the Legion Building with him. We then went out to the Legion building and went over it together. This was the first time he has been in the building since he made his original survey. He was satisfied with the layout and quality of the remodeling that has been done in the basement and when actual cost versus his estimate was discussed he said that he hoped it had been clear that his estimates on renovation were based upon contractor prices with union scale labor. He commented favorably on the fact that the logs had been chinked since he last saw the building and this fact alone made it more reasonable to heat. He said and

I agree that the walls should be firred out and insulated for the insulation will pay for itself in two years with savings on heat bills. He said and I agree that if the building is bought and the upstairs is divided into rooms that a different heating system should be installed. He and I both feel that a hot water system with radiators or baseboard radiation would be the most satisfactory and in the long run the least expensive to operate. His estimate on a new building on property nearer the church would not give us much more building that the Legion building provides for when I questioned him about the adequacy of \$70,000 land included he said that it would depend on how elaborate we wanted to go. He freely offered to write you and the BNM explaining that the phrase "architecturally lousy" referred only to aesthetic values and not to the structural condition of the building. It in his opinion is sound and solid from foundation to roof. It will stand 50 to 100 years. He pointed a few ways in which the building could be made more attractive by constructing an entrance way at each door and a little gingerbread around the eaves.

In all fairness to Ed I believe that he has been misrepresented in this project and I am sorry that I have not gone to him personally before now. I am afraid he was approached in the wrong way from the beginning. He is completely sympathetic to the project. When I mentioned the expense of renting and the other expenses involved in remodeling a building that is not ours ~~he~~^{he} commented that ~~there~~ can be no price tag put on this kind of work.

The only way we are going to find out how many natives there are involved in the possible programming of the Hospitality House is to find out what percentage of the natives in interior Alaska go to Fairbanks for overnight or longer visits. I have contacted all the agencies in town yesterday for statistics on the number of natives that they have seen in Fairbanks through their several offices. This will give us some idea but as you know there ~~is~~ no census figures like there are for the Negroes or the Puerto Ricans in NYC. I hope to have a brief prepared when we meet in Sitka.

And speaking of Sitka I was quite disappointed when I read over the schedule for the conference. What I had in mind from what was discussed at presbytery was quite different than what is planned. Since the justification for such a full schedule for the men is the three to five thousand dollars the BNM is spending they could save some if they did not want to have the families there. From the looks of the schedule there will be no time for the families and the wives will be baby sitting just as they would at home.

Very sincerely,

John C. Stokes
John C. Stokes

P.S. Who is Peter O'Brien? ?

cc: Cleworth

*sent by 8/13/61
Buk*

*P.S. Will you please ask Frieda to send me some
hand addressed air mail envelopes?*

"The Friendly Church on the Hill"

Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church

3751 WEST 54TH STREET

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JUL 29 1957

Pastors:

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July 23, 1957

Director of Christian Education:

ANN WILLIAMS

Minister of Music:

DAVID H. LYMAN

Board of National Missions

c/o Rev. Earl Jackman, Secretary for Alaska

Presbyterian Church, USA

156 Fifth Avenue

New York 10, New York

Gentlemen:

The YOUTH COUNCIL of the Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church is enclosing a "special gift of \$200.00 for the Eskimo Home in Fairbanks."

Sincerely yours,

Fred Evans

Fred Evans, Treasurer
YOUTH COUNCIL

Enc: Check - \$200.00

Eskimo Center, Fairbanks, Building fund, SDC.

JUL 26 1957



JULY 24, 1957

MR. J. EARL JACKSON,
SECRETARY
UNIT OF WORK IN ALASKA
BOARD OF NATIONAL GUARDIAN OF THE CHURCH, U.S.A.
201 FIFTH AVE.
NEW YORK 10, NEW YORK

DEAR EARL:

AT THE REQUEST OF THE BOARD OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, AND
INSTRUCTED THE BOARD OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY IN FAIRBANKS ON
LAST MONDAY, JULY 22ND. THE BOARD OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY THAT CONSIDERABLE
WORK HAS BEEN DONE AT THE BUILDING SINCE THE INSPECTION OF NOVEMBER
21, 1956, AND FOLLOWING:

- 1) WORK HAS BEEN DONE SINCE THE INSPECTION OF THE BASEMENT TO
REPAIR CEILING, WALLS, FLOORS, ETC.
- 2) CONSIDERABLE PAINTING AND DECORATING WORK HAS BEEN
DONE IN THE BASEMENT.
- 3) THE UPPER PART OF THE CHURCH WHICH HAD BEEN BROKEN
UP HAS BEEN REPLACED WITH A NEWLY DESIGNED METAL
FRAME STRUCTURE.
- 4) CONSIDERABLE REPAIRS OF THE CHURCH HAVE BEEN DONE
SINCE THE INSPECTION.
- 5) THE CHURCH IS NOW OPENING AND WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF

PLEASE REPLY BY AIRMAIL

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER
921 FOURTH AVE. HALL BLDG.
ENGINEERING SURVEYING DESIGNING

FROM ALL APPEARANCES THE WORK WHICH HAS BEEN DONE ON THE BUILDING HAS BEEN WELL DONE. THE BASEMENT INTERIOR HAS A VERY UNDESIRABLE APPEARANCE. THE FINDING THAT THE ROOF WAS LEAKING THE LONG HAS HELPED DISAPPEARANCE TO GET DOWN IN HEAT AND IN UNDESIRABLE. BUT THERE WAS A SMALL LEAKAGE FROM THE BUILDING WHICH WAS NOT THE ONLY THING THE CHIMNEY. I THINK, THEREFORE, NECESSARY TO MAKE THAT FURTHER WORK BE DONE TO ELIMINATE HEAT LEAKAGE BEFORE COLD WEATHER.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT FURRING AND INSULATING THE EXTERIOR WALLS AS RECOMMENDED IN MY NOVEMBER 1956 REPORT WOULD PAY FOR ITSELF WITHIN TWO YEARS THROUGH SAVING ON HEATING COSTS.

THE REPAIR WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE ON THE CHIMNEY WILL SUFFICE AS A TEMPORARY WORK. HOWEVER, IF THE BUILDING IS TO REMAIN IN OPERATION ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS, A NEW MASONRY CHIMNEY SHOULD BE PROVIDED.

DOMESTIC HOT WATER FOR THE BUILDING IS BEING GENERATED IN AN ELECTRIC HOT WATER HEATER. I RECOMMEND THAT THIS HEATER BE CHANGED TO AN OIL BURNING HEATER WHICH SHOULD REDUCE THE COST OF OPERATION CONSIDERABLY.

THERE SEEMS TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE STATEMENT IN MY NOVEMBER '56 REPORT IN WHICH I SAID THAT THE BUILDING WAS "STRUCTURALLY SOUND". IN THIS STATEMENT I MEANT THAT THE BUILDING WAS AESTHETICALLY POOR AND PRESENTS AN UGLY APPEARANCE. I DID NOT MEAN TO SAY THAT THE BUILDING WAS NOT STRUCTURALLY SOUND. AS NEAR AS I CAN DETERMINE, THE BUILDING IS STRUCTURALLY SOUND.

AS STATED IN MY NOVEMBER '56 REPORT THE WORKMANSHIP ON THE BUILDING IS VERY POOR, IN THAT THE LEAVE LINES ARE NOT STRAIGHT AND THERE ARE OTHER WORK WHICH IS NOT WELL DONE. THE WORK DONE ON THE ROOF IS ALSO POOR. BUT I FEEL SAFE TO SAY THAT THE BUILDING IS NOT IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE OR OF ANY OTHER TYPE OF STRUCTURAL FAILURE OF ANY SORT. THE BUILDING IS STOUT.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

THOMAS H. HARRIS

CHIEF ENGINEER, U.S. NAVY

Edgar S. Harris
Chief Engineer

July 31, 1957

Mr. Fred Evans, Treasurer
Youth Council
Angeleno Mesa Presbyterian Church
3751 West 58th Street
Los Angeles 43, California

Dear Fred:

We have received your letter and a check for \$200 from the Youth Council of the Angeleno Mesa Church as a special gift for the Indian Home in Fairbanks. We are very grateful for this gift and would ask you to express our appreciation to your young people for it. We are placing it in the Building Fund which we are holding here for the service of the committee in Fairbanks as they develop their building in order to be able to perform a larger service to these Indian young people.

Last month a report came to us of a number of young people who have been served through the center. Many of them have received the moral and spiritual courage to live the Christian life, to receive in the center training to help them get jobs, and the encouragement of those in charge of the center to offer creditable service to their employers so that they can give satisfactory service and assume their own economic responsibility. Your young people, through your gift, are making it possible for our Indian young people to find and follow the Christian way of life.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska
(dictated by Dr. Jackson and signed in his absence)

JH:134

Dr. Wm. Willie S. Buchanan, Hospitality House, 1404 Airport Road, Fairbanks, Alaska.

July 31, 1957

Mr. Edgar E. Whillco
531 Fourth Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your very fine letter of July 24th. I believe it will go a long way to clear up some misinterpretations regarding the use and condition of the American Legion Building in Fairbanks. Knowing you and the conditions involved in this project in Fairbanks, I felt I could understand your meaning, but some of those who read your report took a more technical attitude toward it.

In order to clear up any proposed action of the Board from this end, I wrote to John Stokes and Jay Nickel about the kind of material which we would need to make a further presentation on it. To both men I stated that if we could get a statement from you after you had seen the changes in the building and could conscientiously give a more favorable report on it, it might be possible for us to get some action here. At least we are going to gather this material from all sources and present it to our Cabinet in September. Your letter will become a part of the material which is to be presented. We appreciate your cooperation and will await the outcome. We are all certain that this project is greatly needed and is performing a real service to the Indian people in Fairbanks and northern Alaska.

Best regards to you and blessings upon you.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska

JEL:lt
Cc: The Rev. John C. Stokes

*See 5/20/57 memo from
BV Carson attached*

Dr. Mary (M); Dr. Morse; Dr. Locke; Dr. Chappel)
Dr. Jackson
Fairbanks, Alaska - Eskimo Center (Hospitality House)

September 11, 1957

Over the summer, we have gathered additional information concerning the progress of the Eskimo Center in Fairbanks and the adaptability of the American Legion Building for this purpose. The following information will supplement my memo to you of April 13, 1957:

The staff consists of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Jannussen, and the house keeper, Mrs. Viola Smith. Dr. Jannussen is "living in" with his wife and carrying on his own job at the city camp. In free hours he is doing a lot of physical work on the building to make it more usable. Mrs. Jannussen is leading the program both in the building and in contacts for the girls and the public outside. Mrs. Smith is taking the responsibility for the house keeping and some assistance for the girls in their training in house making.

The building was leased until the first of August when lease has been renewed to February 1, 1958. In order to start the program a minimum amount of renovation was done on the basement floor to provide some part time for separate rooms. Nothing has been done on the upper floor. The building has a capacity of an apartment for Dr. & Mrs. Jannussen and eight girls in three rooms plus two closets and extra rooms are erected upstairs for transients.

Income is being raised from the weekly use of the upstairs rooms. Gifts of individuals, payments from the Territorial and Welfare and Alaska Native Services for the care of particular girls, from girls who are earning some money, and from an appropriation of the Board of National Missions. Their operating deficit of expenses over local income has averaged about \$100.00 a month since they have requested from us for personnel and program. The following figures for the months of May, June, and July give some idea of the number of people served and the length of residence for those served:

Month	admissions	discharges	Overnight guests non-resident	average daily in-residence	average length of residence in days
May	29	23	35	6.4	5.5 days
June	23	20	66	4.5	6.3 "
July	20	13	61	8.9	13.3 "

Least number in-residence - 4.

Largest number in-residence 13.

Group and social gatherings - 10 to 15 each month.

Classes 7 - 10 each month.

Results of program study: Miss Isabel Miller made another trip to Fairbanks during the summer to study the program and counsel with others-in-charge regarding the work. She has made a three-page report which includes her own estimate and quotations from representatives of public agencies in the Territory. She has included volunteer letters from those who have had a contact with the program in the Hospitality House. This report includes a commendation for the program and the adaptability of the building for it with recommendation that there is a greater need for this service than the building in its present form can supply. She

Dr. Mary (Miss Dr. Barnes; Dr. Locke; Dr. Chapel)
 Dr. Jackson
 Fairbanks, Alaska - Ladies Center (Hospitality House)

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recommend that the upper floor be renovated to meet this need (the local Committee is reluctant to do this unless there is a definite assurance of the purchase of the building for permanent future service). The program and the building meet basic health standards and the social agencies have put it on their list for assigning girls to the care and direction of the church. In addition to the commendation of the building, there are indications from others outside the church program, that the property is a good buy even from the angle of speculation, but more for the purpose of the expansion of the present program. Miss Miller presents a summary of these things from such people as the IRL Director, Red Cross Director, Welfare representatives of the Office of Rehabilitation, social workers for the Indian Bureau, Director of the Board of Juvenile Institutions for the Territory, workers in the local Indian Bureau Office and the U.S. Public Health District Welfare Office, local law enforcement officers, ministers of several denominations, and others.

a letter has come from Mr. DeHoll of our own building and campaign direction urging us to enlarge the program and purchase the building. He conducted a campaign in Fairbanks and saw what was being done through the House and wants to know what he can do to help get this action.

The Presbytery of Yukon has approved the program and is backing First Church in it.

Reports to Purchase the Legion Building: The local Committee has extended the lease of the building to February 1, 1958 which is a dead-line. If we do not purchase it by that time, the building will be disposed of in some other way. The Presbytery of Yukon, in its meeting in April 1957, passed an action to request the Board to buy or build a building for this program. In its meeting in July 1957, the Presbytery asked the Board to buy or to advance to the Presbytery the necessary funds to buy the American Legion Building. Another statement has come from Mr. Ed Phillips stating that he had reexamined the building and found that the minimum renovation work had been done well and that some work had been done to give greater service of heat. He still points out the fact that the building was constructed by amateur labor, but that it is "a stout building". Many people have expressed their opinion that the price of \$35,000. for the building and two lots plus \$5000. for the two additional lots to the rear of the building is a bargain price for the property even though we might use it for the Hospitality program a limited number of years. We are attaching to this memo a copy of the statement of Mr. Elmer Carson who made an inspection of the building in November 1956. Mr. Carson has seen the building again in August 1957 and we have asked him for an additional statement of his judgment regarding it. He has indicated he believes it to be a good buy which can be adapted reasonably well for this program.

Future Developments: In addition to the building being near the local high school, the medical clinic, a large housing project where work is available to the Native girls, and the air port where most of the people arrive in Fairbanks, there is to be constructed in the same area a dormitory housing 75 Indian young people who will come in from the villages and go to high

Mr. Sharp (CC: Mr. Jones; Mr. Locks; Mr. Campbell)
 Mr. Jackson
 Fairbanks, Alaska - Housing Center (Hospitality House)

2/11/57

school in Fairbanks. This again presents the additional need of services which the House is giving. At the all Alaska Conference of workers in June during August, our people from Fairbanks all urged that the Board take favorable action in purchasing this property in the name of the Board to be made available for this enlargement of the program which has already begun under the auspices of the local churches in relation to the First Church of Fairbanks. The salary of \$6500. for personnel and program from the Board will not be adequate to the needs as they develop but it is expected that a larger income will come from the local community. Our appropriation recognizes the total church responsibility for the mission program in northern Alaska and there should be increased support from the Fairbanks area to recognize the local responsibility for this service which is needed. They are raising the question how they ever got along without this service before it began! It has had many fine words of commendation and hopes have been expressed that the entire building will be in our hands for further adaptation for the expansion of the program.

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J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
 Dept. of Work in Alaska

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~~Dep. of Health Dept. for Welfare -~~

- BIA - Education, Relocation, Welfare + Medical services
- 600 contacts Jan - June 1957
 - will increase to 1000 per year.
 - with new dormitory will continually increase.

U.S. Public Health Service } deal solely w/ natives
Patient Care Clerk } indigent
Mrs. Windsor.

Sept 56 - July 57 (10 mos.)

1400 referrals to hosp + doctors other than F.B.I.
usually overnight w/ meals

3500 referrals to hosp. + doctors in F.B.I.

5400 referrals in 10 mos.

6500 projected referrals for Sept 56 - Sept 57

Estimated Fairbanks Eskimo + Indian population
- 400 - 500 adults + children

MEMORANDUM

TO Dr. H. N. Morse
FROM J. Earl Jackman
RE American Legion Building,
Fairbanks, Alaska

November 13, 1957

At the last meeting of the Priority Committee the recommendation was made that the American Legion in Fairbanks be approached to continue the present lease for another five years instead of our purchasing the property for use as a hospitality center for Eskimo girls.

The present lease which expires February 1, 1958, calls for rent at \$3600.00 a year and an option to buy the property within or at the close of the lease for \$3500.00 for the building and two lots on which it stands plus \$5000.00 for the two additional lots at the back of the building fronting on the back street. If we purchase the property, the rent will be applied to the purchase price or returned for renovation for our use.

The proposal of continuing the lease has been presented to the Legion. Their first response was a qualified "yes" with the following restrictions: no amount of rent will be credited to the purchase price if we buy it later. The purchase price will be open market which could be lower or could be higher. Many express the belief that the property could bring \$50,000 now. The local board of the center cannot continue to operate unless our Board provides the rent. During six years this would amount to \$21,600.00 which is more than one-half the price of the property.

A final report has been received that the Legion is willing to extend the lease, including the option to buy at \$40,000.00, but no credit will be allowed for any rent payments. The local Board reports that if the National Board does not buy the property they will be dependent upon the National Board for the amount of the rent, as well as the appropriation for personnel and program, in order to continue this missionary project. No provision was made for this in the preparation of the 1958 budget.

After a review of the success of the program in one-half the space of the building in which 143 separate girls have been admitted and helped in 8 months, the increasing need for more space to serve more girls, and the apparent need for this type of work for an indefinite time, it is the continuing recommendation of the local Board, the Session of the First Church of Fairbanks, the Presbytery of Yukon, and the Department of Work in Alaska that: (1) the Board of National Missions purchase the property for \$40,000.00; (2) the funds given by individuals, supplemented by local gifts and volunteer labor, be used for renovation for use under the general supervision of Glen Carson with the expectation that these funds will be sufficient for partitions, adjustments and equipment. If the full use of the building requires a basic change in heating, plumbing or electrical wiring, a request will come through Mr. Carson for funds for this purpose from National Missions Buildings and Repairs; (3) a work camp of 6 or 8 college young people be organized through the Youth Department for 6 to 8 weeks in the summer of 1958 to do finishing work on the building and landscaping on the grounds.

cc: Dr. Sharp
Er. Locke

1/27/57
per Edg.

218 Tr. 1660

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The findings of this research indicate further investigation and refinement of the findings for the full use of the "SAFE" model and outcomes. A study plan shall be submitted within the research program, which will include work and the release of data as possible. This is a statement shall be made regarding the need for additional research and the need for the best research in research, to be used in the future.

The use of the entire building will possibly be well justified if the present structure had capacity to accept more. Ignoring if the conditions of the long term rental, the fact that Ford and Hoff presented a statement regarding the plan for the future expansion of Ford-Hoff.

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Chris' 1st & 2nd born for the back.

The Project

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Local Responsibility

Organization and Reports

... and a 91.6% win with its resources and power.

Sincerely,

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NOV 27 1957

75 Carlisle St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
November 25, 1957

Dr. J. Earl Jackson
Board of National Missions of
the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

~~Dear~~ At the spring meeting of
Sackawanna Presbyterial Society,
Mrs. James Wiltsie by a few
remarks aroused interest in an
effort being made to help girls in
Fairbanks, Alaska. In the early
part of July I talked to you on
the telephone about the home
established and maintained by
the Presbyterian Church in Fairbanks
and the Board of National Missions.
Sometime later I wrote you a
letter, saying that the executive
committee of the presbyterial
society was recommending a gift

for the project. Last month at the
four district meetings of the presby-
terial society, the women voted
to accept the recommendation of
the executive committee. It is
my privilege to send to you in this
letter a check for five hundred
dollars (\$500.00) as a free-will,
unsolicited, extra gift (i.e., outside
the regular budget) for this home
for girls. Use it as your committee
sees fit. You suggested that the
building fund was one of the worst
needs.

It is a joy to send this gift. I
assure you that it will be followed
by our interest and our prayers.
We shall watch eagerly for
news about the girls and the
new home.

Sincerely yours,
Sallorne S. P. Gloman
(Mrs. John B. H.)

For Credits
at home / 5/10
Thanked, Sallorne S. P.
Gloman
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Sallorne S. P. Gloman
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Received
from Sallorne S. P. Gloman

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December 2, 1957

The Rev. Victor I. Alfsen
Box 2157
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Vic:

I intended to follow up my former letter about the action of the Board regarding the purchase of the legion building with another one with more explanation but was unable to get it done. We trust the more detailed information in this letter will not arrive too late for your consideration and benefit.

The executive officers of the Board are concerned as to what additional requests might come to us for further expense on renovating the building if we do purchase it. In my statement of recommendation that we purchase it, I pointed out that the funds from individual contributors and the return of rent money would enable the local board to take care of all ordinary renovation and erection of partitions but if it were necessary to make a basic change in the heating, plumbing or lighting service in the building then we might have to come back to the Board for a request for this. If we can get all of this work done without coming to the Board for more capital funds we will be in a much better position to justify our request for purchase but if basic heating changes need to be made we better face that necessity now.

On the general renovation of the property I included the possibility of having a work team for six weeks or two months next summer who would volunteer their services for the exterior of the building, grading and landscaping on the outside. This could be done for very small cost. Dave Swartz is ready to recommend this project to a group in southern California who have asked for a work team experience next summer.

On the matter of personnel and program it is recognized that the use of the entire building will expand the program and will require more personnel. Our executive officers are still insisting upon the fact that we ought to have a person who is trained in social work to be a part of the direction of the whole project. We understand from correspondence that Margaret Hornbeck is now participating in the program but she has not replied to our letter forwarding personnel forms to her. I am writing her about this.

The Rev. Victor I. Alfsen

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December 2, 1957

In the matter of a suggested floor plan we can use the plan which Ed Phileo drew up unless experience has taught that there ought to be some changes in this and a new plan developed. This will have to be reviewed by Glen Carson before approval can be given to it.

As soon as we can clear the matter of possible additional expense to the Board and the assurance of some additional trained personnel our executive officers will review the whole matter. If everything appears to be satisfactory they will then give authority to the attorney to proceed with the purchase. Meanwhile you should tell us what attorney in Fairbanks we should ask to do this for us. Mr. Tribus does not feel that we should use Maurice Johnson again. He still has not cleared up a property transaction which took place two years ago and has given no explanation on it.

Sincerely,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:rj

CC: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth

*Dr. J. E. Jackson, Chairman
of the Committee*

December 2, 1957

Mrs. John B. B. Gloman
75 Carlisle St.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Gloman:

Thank you for your fine letter of November 29, 1957 and the check for \$200.00 which came with it from the Presbyterian Society designated as an extra gift for our Hospitality Center for Indian girls in Bethlehem. We are most grateful for this gift and feel it will be a great benefit to the girls who are involved in this program.

We have been asking our Board to purchase the American Legion building in which we have been conducting the program since 1948. The Board at its last meeting last winter decided to purchase the property provided there would not be too great an additional outlay of funds for the renovation and maintenance in the future years and providing the program had adequate administration, personnel and personnel. We are now in process of changing these plans with the committee in Bethlehem. You should know that your gift will greatly assist us in this renovation program of the entire building and will greatly add to the possibilities of having the property in our possession for the assurance of the future of the program.

The cumulative report of the program of the center from its inception in February through the present shows that 340 girls have had the benefit of the center in various ways. Some have stayed there overnight, some have stayed there for an average length of 20 days in which they received some training in child care, home management and other activities for the purpose of securing jobs for them. Some of these girls have gone back to their homes in the State because they did not want to make the adjustment, while the great majority of them were helped to find jobs and have become self-supporting under Christian influence through this ministry. The present usual capacity of the center is 10 to 12 girls. When the entire building has been renovated, we should have a capacity of about 15 to 20 girls with adequate facilities for the staff and leaders. As soon as we have adequate clearance on the condition of the property here, I have asked that we write an article about it for Outreach.

Thank you very much for the use of your building for this program.

Sincerely,

JEB:7b

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Pres. of the Bethlehem

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BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10, N.Y.

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January 17, 1958.

AIR MAIL

Charles Cole, Esq.,
Lavery Building,
Fairbanks, Alaska.

My dear Judge Cole:

I have been advised by Dr. Jackman that you will represent the Board in the purchase of the American Legion Building located on Airport Road in Fairbanks, from the Dorman H. Baker Post No. 11, a corporation, which property is described as follows:

Lots 2, 3, 4 and 8 of Block 137, Weeks Field Subdivision, together with the building and improvements situated thereon and the contents therein.

The total purchase price is to be \$40,000.00 with the understanding that the sum of \$4600.00 in rents, previously paid by the Board, will be credited towards the purchase price, leaving a payment due at the time of closing of \$35,400.00.

We are desirous of having you prepare a written contract using the form of contract ordinarily used by the Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of New York, which you may adapt to suit territorial law. I am enclosing several forms of contract which you may use by crossing out unnecessary clauses and inserting necessary clauses.

Upon approval and execution of this contract by a proper officer of our Board, we are prepared to send you a check for earnest money in the amount of \$3540.00. The contract must provide that the sellers will hold this deposit in escrow and will return same in the event they are unable to furnish a fee simple title satisfactory to the Board's attorneys.

When you prepare the contract on the enclosed forms, under the 'subject to' clauses please include the following:

Subject to any state of facts which an accurate survey may reveal, provided title is not rendered unmarketable thereby.

The balance of the purchase price will be paid by certified check drawn to the order of the sellers at the time of closing of title.

Fire insurance policies are to be cancelled by the sellers at the closing. The Board carries its own self-insurance program for fire losses.

Charles Cole, Esq.....#2

January 17, 1958.

A separate Bill of Sale, based on an accurate inventory, is to be executed by the sellers and given to this Board.

We understand that the title closing was to take place prior to Feb. 1st but I doubt whether this would give you time to prepare the contract and have title examination made. I therefore suggest that a realistic closing date be inserted in the contract. I understand the Board is to receive a policy of title insurance. I wish to reserve the right to inspect the Title Report prior to issuance of the policy and to discuss same with you.

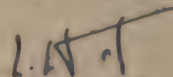
Also please include in the contract a clause which will provide, in the event of loss or destruction by fire, the contract shall be null and void and the deposit returned. This is much simpler than a clause to provide for the option to rebuild, repair or replace, etc. In other words, if the building burns down before we take title, we do not want it.

After the closing, which will take place in your office on a date to be specified in the contract, you will return all title papers, together with a complete closing statement, to my office with the recorded deed, with documentary stamps in the amount of \$44.00 affixed.

Dr. Jackman advises me that you have very kindly offered your services in the purchase of this property without fee. I wish to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for this offer, however in my judgment this would be an imposition on our part and we would like to pay you a reasonable attorney's fee.

Kindly let me hear from you at your earliest convenience as I understand time is of the essence.

Sincerely yours,


Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

LHT/MT

cc
Fairbank, Alaska, Alaska
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January 22, 1958

The Rev. Victor I. Alfsen
First Presbyterian Church
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Vic:

Mr. Trius has sent directions to Mr. Charles Cole toward the purchase of the American Legion building in the name of the Board of National Missions and has also rewritten the working agreement between the church and the board which has embodied the things which the Executive Officers feel should be put in it for a full understanding between the church and the Board.

Perhaps there ought to be some further explanation concerning some of the changes. The Board's budget is made up each year, and no one here wanted to make a blanket commitment for an indefinite period of time toward the hospitality house. If the house could be self-supporting as has been indicated in your letter as a possibility, then our appropriation for it would be decreased. If however, the expense were higher than the local community and board could carry, it is not impossible that the current appropriation for personnel and program might be increased. The Executive officers also felt that both the church and the board would continue indefinitely this operating arrangement, the Executive officers also felt that there ought to be some understanding between us in case the church or the board should feel that the working relationship should be terminated, or that there that there ~~was~~ ^{might} no longer be a need for the house.

The Cabinet of Missionary Operation has taken another action that the administering office which would be related to this project would be the Department of Work in Alaska. The Executive officers felt that the secretary of that Department should be in a position to exercise an element of control, if it is necessary, over budget, program, maintenance of the building, and the employed staff. I do not anticipate any trouble over these things, but the Executive officers do not want another recurrence of relationships which existed with the Palmer Hospital. With a thing which would be impossible, ~~that~~ ^{we} we have the responsibility in your own church in Fairbanks, but this was inserted in case it is needed. It should be looked upon as a matter of regular procedure between us.

We are returning to you the original calculating sheets from Ed Shiles. Copies of these have been made by Dick Carson, and you may want the originals up there for future reference.

You will note in the working agreement and the contract for sale, that the board is proposing to pay the Hospitality House for the \$10,000.00

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The Rev. Victor I. Alfsen

less the \$1,600.00 which has been paid in earnest money and rent. In turn the board will make an appropriation to the local board up there of this \$1,600.00 so that you will have it for the renovation costs. Your statement shows that you have \$1,500.00 in building funds there, and we have another \$2,000.00 which has accumulated for that purpose. Mr. Tritus contract suggests 10% of the purchase price as earnest money until the transaction can be completed. However, if it can be speeded up and completed by the 1st of February, the entire amount of the money is available here and can be sent to the attorney in Moscow at whatever date is set. You will notice in Mr. Tritus statement that the working agreement and the contract of sale must be completed and reported here before we can further any additional funds, either for program or building. All of this means that, the sooner the thing is done, the quicker we can complete the settlement.

This has been a long struggle for all of us and seems to be coming out to a very favorable conclusion. There is still a lot more work to be done to have the entire building available for use, but the uncertainty is being removed in these actions. Meanwhile, I will join you in the Toxology.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEM:RM
CC : Rev. P. Cleworth

Sharp *House*

Mr. Swarts
Mr. Jackman

January 24, 1958

The Executive officers have authorized the purchase of the American Legion building in Fairbanks, Alaska, and we are in process of working out an agreement with the church for its operation while Mr. Trikus is negotiating for the transfer of the title.

This opens the way for a considerable amount of work to be done on the building to make the entire building available for the program. Since the upstairs is one big room, partitions will have to be erected and changes made to have more separate room space. The walls need to be checked inside and outside, sanded and treated with log oil or varnish, and there needs to be some landscaping around the building itself. I could envision the possibility of using 4 to 6 young people from southern California for two to three months next summer. The negotiations for this should be made directly with the Rev. Victor L. Alfson, pastor of our church in Fairbanks and chairman of the committee for the Presbyterian Hospitality House. Mr. Alfson may want someone else to be responsible for this, but he is the original contact person on it.

JHJ:10

J. Earl Jackman

CC : Rev. V. Alfson

Rev. Brian Cleworth

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Date of Report January, 1958

General Directions

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STATISTICAL STATEMENT

	This Month	This Year	Last Year
1. Register at date of last report	<u>17</u>	—	—
2. New admissions	<u>11</u>	—	—
3. Readmissions	<u>5</u>	—	—
4. Total number of admissions*	<u>16</u>	—	—
5. Number of discharges*	<u>12</u>	—	—
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>21</u>	—	—
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents	<u>14</u>	—	—
8. Number of overnights lodging for non -residents	<u>487</u>	—	—
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	<u>199</u>	—	—
10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1498</u>	—	—
11. Daily average number of residents <u>15 1/2</u>			
12. Average length of stay per resident <u>16</u> days			
13. Total capacity of Home for residents <u>8 beds-2 daybenches plus several cots upstairs</u>			
14. Number of groups or social gatherings using home during month <u>16</u>			
15. Number of classes held for: residents <u>&</u> community <u>10</u>			
16. Number of interviews or consultations with: residents <u>32</u> non-residents <u>64</u>			
17. Number applying for admission, not yet admitted <u>2</u> referred elsewhere <u>—</u>			

* Breakdown of Admissions

Referred by Dept. of Public Welfare	<u>1</u>
Referred by Bureau Indian Affairs	<u>1</u>
Referred by courts	—
Referred by private party <u>or</u> self	<u>7</u>
Referred by other agency (specify)	—
Relocation ANG	<u>2</u>
BJI	<u>3</u>
ADH	<u>2</u>

*Breakdown of Discharges

Sent back to their own home	<u>4</u>
Found job with housing	<u>2</u>
Living in community	—
Married	<u>1</u>
School	<u>1</u>
Foster Homes	<u>2</u>

Mable R.
(Mrs.) Mable R. Rasmussen
Director of Home

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PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
Fairbanks, Alaska

NARRATIVE FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1958

What a wonderful beginning for the new year to know that the Board of National Missions will be buying our building. We have been praying much regarding this matter as have others and we feel it to be a direct answer to prayer. We are truly thankful.

This has been a very busy time as we attempted the impossible - that is to leave everything in apple pie order while on our trip 'Outside' during February. We did leave on the 31st of January with many things undone but in the care of our faithful Mrs. Smith the work was carried on as usual. Arrangements were made for Miss Hornbeck to put in a few extra evening hours, the men of the church offered to help with transportation and any work to be done around the house. Our Probation Officer offered to come over on 'Boy Nights' and be available any time he was needed. We got off on schedule in spite of telephone calls, visitors and other interruptions. Then to really cause confusion, we were informed just one-half hour before leaving that we could take a girl with us to enter her in an Indian School in So. Dakota. We finally managed to get off.

We had a few less admissions and discharges during January due perhaps to the cold weather when folks are less apt to travel. No clinics are held during the extreme weather so we had none from ADH. However, we were very busy. When we have a few less members in our household we have many other things to get caught up on and as time goes on we are having many more contacts among our local Native people.

Among our readmissions was a young girl who had been sent to Anchorage Federal Jail for four months with the hope that being away from alcohol for that time she would be able to make a new start. She contacted us immediately on coming back to Fairbanks and is hoping to get a job and make a new start. Two of our girls gave their new-born infants up for adoption. Both girls are preparing to go back to work and are anxious to prove themselves.

Two of our Presbyterian Eskimo girls, both in their early teens had been brought to the attention of the Juvenile Authorities. Both were placed with us. One was planning on marriage and it was felt that rather than have her brought in for a hearing and getting her name on a court record that if she could stay here until she was married everyone would be satisfied. It was so arranged and we had several talks with the mother and the husband-to-be. They were married the 27th of this month. The other girl did not work out that well. Although the family pretends to go along with plans for the girl and seem to be concerned about her they are not actually cooperating. Plans are being made to send her to a village to live with responsible people if she does not adjust to life here.

Our program remains much the same. When possible we will talk over plans for future work and classes with Miss Hornbeck who is with us on a part-time basis now, and has been helping with this part of our work.

Respectfully submitted:

Mable R. Rasmussen
(Mrs.) Mable R. Rasmussen

HOSPITALITY HOUSE
February 17, 1958
Fairbanks Alaska

JANUARY 1958 REPORT

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RECEIPTS:

	Bank	Building a/c	Personnel & a/c
Jan. 9 University Community P. Church, College - Gift			230.75
15 D. Baker Amar. Legion - Reimburse Bkn windows			17.92
14 Sheldon Jackson College - Gift from Boys			10.00
2 Terr Ck 130245 C Alexander & escort - ADH			18.00
23 G. Henry & escort - ADH			24.00
23 K. Peter, E. Williams, S. Silas - ANS			15.00
23 Della Katchatag, S. Silas - ADH			15.00
28 Maria Woods - Self			50.00
29 Marie Huntington - DPW -ADC			100.00
26 Bessie Williams - Self			42.00
25 Wartes Family, Barrow Alaska - Gift			10.00
1 W. S. Sample, Phoenixville Pa. - Gift			10.00
8 Beta Ch. Beta Sigma Phi Sorority- Gift Girls fund			50.00
16 Paul S. Winsor			6.00
31 DEPOSIT	598.67		
28 Rev & Mrs J. R. McLaughlin Urbana Ill. Gift			47.00
28 Alice G. B. Peters, Tanana - Gift			20.00
28 Thos. S. White, Champaign, Ill. - Gift			5.00
31 Kathryn Kluska & Escort - BIA			75.00
31 C. F. Albert & escort - ADH			12.00
31 M. Ames, E. Evans, J. Bilikins, Tegoseak, Hartzell- BJI			279.00
2/14 DEPOSIT	798.00		
Bank and January Receipts	1396.67	- -	1396.67
Credit P P a/c Deduct. employee meals			100.00
Acct Balances fdw from previous month	3058.12	1058.12	2000.00
Totals	4454.79	1058.12	3496.67

DISBURSEMENTS:

Jan. 15 Petroleum Sales, Inc. -Fuel Oil	90.14		90.14
17 Dorman H. Baker Post- Old Utility bill	53.98		53.98
20 Municipal Utilities El 198.28, W 29.59, Tell 4.28	242.15		242.15
30 Mable R. Rasmussen - Wages less Ded.	76.27		100.00
30 Mable Rasmussen- PC Reimburse #1	77.64		77.64
30 Mable Rasmussen - Reimburse Beta S Phi Ck.	50.00		50.00
30 Viola Smith - Wages	83.82		225.00
31 Petroleum Sales Inc. - Fuel Oil	97.34		97.34
2/3 Rays Super Mkt - Food	228.01		228.01
3 Fbks Office Supply - Office Supplies	12.73		12.73
3 Fbks Flooring - Wax	3.08		3.08
3 Quality Meat Co.	76.81		76.81
3 Union Cab Co of Fbks - Fares	19.75		19.75
11 Chandler Plmbing & Heat. - New water heater	480.33	480.33	
12 Grissom Sales & Svc - Furnace repair	38.75		38.75
12 Union Cab of Fbks (jan Fares)	6.75		6.75
12 North Pole Bakery - Bread	25.92		25.92
12 Matanuska Valley Farmers Coop - Milk	18.82		18.82
12 Northern Linen Supply - Laundry	15.80		15.80
15 Margaret Hornbeck - Wages - 47½ hrs	84.52		95.00
Total Expenditures	1782.61	480.33	1477.67
Account Balances	2672.18	577.79	2019.00
W/tax 75.39			

P&P A/C 2019.00 less 2000.00 Advance equals 19.00 excess income over Expense for January operation.

* Nov & Dec '57 Deficits paid from Bldg a/c in December 1957.)

J. Jay Bickel, Treas.

5/6/58 \$541.67 in Jan included in 1958 report

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	This Month	This Year	Last Year
1. Register at date of last report	<u>21</u>	—	—
2. New admissions	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u>	—
3. Readmissions	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	—
4. Total number of admissions*	<u>12</u>	<u>28</u>	—
5. Number of discharges*	<u>16</u>	<u>28</u>	—
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>17</u>	—	—
7. Number of overnights lodging for non -residents	<u>540</u>	<u>1027</u>	—
8. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents	<u>8</u>	<u>22</u>	—
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	<u>60</u>	<u>259</u>	—
10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1206</u>	<u>2704</u>	—

11. Daily average number of residents 13
 12. Average length of stay per resident 17 days
 13. Total capacity of Home for residents 8 beds- 2 davenos plus cots up stairs
 14. Number of groups or social gatherings using home during month 4
 15. Number of classes held for: residents & community 10
 16. Number of interviews or consultations with: residents 17 non-residents 24 - 165
 17. Number applying for admission, not yet admitted 2 referred elsewhere ph. calls

* Breakdown of Admissions

Referred by Dept. of Public Welfare 3
 Referred by Bureau Indian Affairs 4
 Referred by courts BJI 2
 Referred by private party or self 1
 Referred by other agency (specify) ADH 1
 Relocation (ANS) 1

* Breakdown of Discharges

Sent back to their own home 6
 Found job with housing 5
 Living in community Private Home 1
 Jail 1
 Hospital 3

(Mrs.) Mable R. Rasmussen
Director of Home

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STATISTICAL STATEMENT

	This Month	This Year	Last Year
1. Register at date of last report	<u>17</u>	—	—
2. New admissions	<u>11</u>	<u>30</u>	—
3. Readmissions	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>	—
4. Total number of admissions*	<u>16</u>	<u>44</u>	—
5. Number of discharges*	<u>17</u>	<u>45</u>	—
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>16</u>	—	—
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents	<u>22</u>	<u>44</u>	—
8. Number of overnights lodging for non -residents	<u>493</u>	<u>1520</u>	—
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	<u>64</u>	<u>323</u>	—
10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1521</u>	<u>4225</u>	—
11. Daily average number of residents <u>15 7/8</u>			
12. Average length of stay per resident <u>16</u>			
13. Total capacity of Home for residents <u>8</u> beds plus 2 davenos plus cots upstairs			
14. Number of groups or social gatherings using home during month <u>13</u>			
15. Number of classes held for: residents & community <u>13</u>			
16. Number of interviews or consultations with: residents <u>45</u> non-residents <u>78</u>			
17. Number applying for admission, not yet admitted _____ referred elsewhere _____			

* Breakdown of Admissions

Referred by Dept. of Public Welfare _____
Referred by Bureau Indian Affairs 2
Referred by ~~xxxxxx~~ BJI 3
Referred by private party or self 9
Referred by other agency (specify) _____
ANS Relocation Office 1
ADH 1

* Breakdown of Discharges

Sent back to their own home 9
Found job with housing 3
Living in community 1
To Hospital 2
Foster Home 2

Mable R. Rasmussen *Mable R*
Director of Home

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
Fairbanks, Alaska

APR 1 1958

NARRATIVE FOR MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1958

February being a short month we thought there would be less activity but such was not the case. We were in the States during the whole month and from all reports Hospitality House was just as busy a place as ever. Mrs. Smith did a very fine job of looking after everything while we were away in spite of the fact that those who planned to help were either ill or called away at the last moment. However she was supplied with help by some of our good friends.

While we were away a new water heater was installed resulting in a big saving on our electric bill. Mr. Francis Burnham did most of the work and the planning for it. We now have all the hot water we can use for which we are thankful.

During our trip to the States we met and talked with many people who were much interested in the work at Hospitality House and also in the other mission stations of our church in Alaska. We showed our slides and spoke to few groups. We were sorry that our time was so limited as we could have gone on speaking to as many groups as we could reach for at least another two weeks. We are hoping to have more time when we go again.

MARCH

We arrived home on the 4th of March and were so glad to get here. It was like returning to the family again. Smiling faces everywhere and so much to be told one another. We were sorry though to find that one of our girls had attempted to take her life. She was in the hospital and after talking with her and with the doctors it was decided that we take her back and try once more. It was felt that with all of us on duty that she might feel she was able to adjust more easily. That was not the case and we felt she needed psychiatric care. She is now in Juneau in a foster-home. She has been seen by the Mental Health Team and diagnosed as a behaviour problem. We were asked to consider her again but after bringing it before our Board the decision was not to try her again now.

Miss Hornbeck is with us part-time and we are looking forward to having her with us full-time. Not too much can be done in the way of program in so limited a number of hours. However, she has enlisted the volunteer help of a group of young women namely the Alpha Gamma chapter of ~~the~~ Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Several of these women have offered to help in the past but it was impossible for us to arrange time and place in addition to our other tasks. They are now conducting a charm class once a week to which two of their number come to show the girls how to dress and to use make-up (or not use it) properly, how to care for their hair and even how to conduct themselves socially. This group has also offered to help us set up or start a library for the use of our girls in the home. We have had many offers of this type but have been unable to put them to work. As Miss Hornbeck will be putting in more time this place can become a bee-hive of activity.

Shortly after we arrived home Miss Miller came to spend some time with us. As usual she proved most valuable. There are always situations where her advice and help is of the best. Not only was I concerned about things we have not done but also that what we are doing is what would meet the approval of those to whom we are responsible.

We now have very good contact with the Provost Marshall's Office both at Ladd Air Force Base and at Hilsen Air Force Base. This is of great help as boys wanting to date our girls can be checked for character and even in the matter of jobs for some of our girls on Base we find their help invaluable. We had an interesting experience shortly after our return. A young girl from Kotzebue was brought to us by a relative as she had no place to stay. I felt there was a young man somewhere in the offing and there was. On questioning I found he was waiting in the car. We called him in and he told us he intended marriage and they would be married shortly. He rented an apartment and would not say where but the girl moved out. I called the Base and found that he is married and has a family in the States. He was ordered to get rid of his apartment and send the girl back home or face court martial. What a great stride that is in the battle to overcome this very situation. Too many girls have in the past been brought in to Fairbanks and later cast off in just such a way.

We have enjoyed a number of visitors during March. As the Alaska All Church Conference was held in Fairbanks many of those attending came over to see us. Of course we toss out invitations right and left but that is about the only way we can acquaint others with what we are doing. We were much pleased to hear Bishop Gleeson of the Methodist Church tell us privately as well as publicly that he felt the establishment of Hospitality House was one of the finest things ever done for the Alaska Native people. The Episcopal church contributed Five Hundred Dollars with an expression of their appreciation for the help it has given some of their girls. Not only has this work helped native people it has helped Christians of the different denominations to feel more free with one another. When we first started there was much feeling that this had nothing to do with other churches as it was Presbyterian but now most of this attitude is gone. I can notice the fine response when speaking to other groups. Many of them were not aware that we were caring for some of their own. Although most of the girls attend church with us a goodly number are picked up by members of their own church and everyone is happy.

We have had some good experiences too this past month. We have heard from the Indian School where we took Margaret John, to the effect that she has taken the Lord as her personal Saviour and is going to school and doing very well. How we praise God for that one thing. She was surely a lost little girl. Then we have had an Eskimo mother and baby with us while the father (unmarried) is in jail. The situation was very bad. He had been married to a village girl and for some reason left her and came to Fairbanks. He then, without the benefit of a divorce proceeded to set up another household and has had two children with this young woman. Due to the efforts of his pastor I believe the mess will be straightened out at least to the children's benefit. Our girls who are out on jobs are coming back for their time off. One girl came dancing in the other night saying "My, its good to be home again." Pray much for us that we can keep our work on the level it should be and that Hospitality House will remain a home to them where they can find companionship and the love of Christ. One of our girls joined our church Thursday night and others are becoming interested in our young people's groups.

We are looking forward to a very busy summer season. What with extra workers coming to help and the remodeling that will be going on we wont have much time for idleness. Pray much for us.

Respectfully submitted:

Mable R. Rasmussen
Mable R. Rasmussen, Director

HOSPITALITY HOUSE
March 27, 1958
Fairbanks Alaska

APR 28 1958
from Cleveland
February Report

RECEIPTS:

	Bank	Building A/c	Personnel & Program
Feb. 1 Central Pres. Church Huntington L.I. NY			9.00
3 Board of Juvenile Institutions			547.50
5 Martha Thomas & Mother ADH			24.00
8 Marie Huntington DPW Cash			50.00
10 Lucille Mountain ANS			60.00
13 Edw Johnson for Maria Woods m. Order			50.00
13 Thresa Ablowluk ADH			6.00
18 Jean Smity & Dora Tooyak ANS			188.00
3/17 DEPOSIT	934.50		
2/28 Mrs. Hodsdon Superior Wis. Gift cash			5.00
28 Anonomous Gift Cash			1.00
28 Y's Mens Club of Paterson N.J. Gift Ck			25.00
3/7 Presby. Womens Organization Haledon N.J. Gift ck			10.00
2/17 Bertha L. Moore Metropolis Ill. Gift ck			10.00
3/24 DEPOSIT	51.00		
Bank & February Receipts	985.50	- -	985.50
GR P & P A/c for Deduction Employee meals			100.00
A/C Bal Fdw from previous month	2672.18	577.79	3114.50 2019.00
Totals	3657.68	577.79	3104.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Feb 17 Municipal Util El 165.24; W 25.73; Tel 14.28	205.25		205.25
19 Petroleum Sales Fuel Oil	94.21		94.21
3/5 Petroleum Sales Fuel Oil	96.40		96.40
2/28 Viola Smith Wages less deductions	83.82		225.00
28 Mable Rasmussen Wages less deductions	76.27		100.00
3/17 Kenneth A. Murray -Increase liabil ins.	2.00		2.00
3/19 Municipal Utilities El 108.12; W23.08; T 14.28	145.48		145.48
3/22 Furniture Mart - Repairs to Washer	30.00		30.00
22 Commercial Printing Co. - Tel Listing	5.00		5.00
22 Philleo Engr. Svc- Drawings, Plans for renovation	468.00	468.00	468.00
22 Northern Linen Supply Laundry	15.03		15.03
22 North Pole Bakery	17.28		17.28
22 Quality Meat Co.	19.20		19.20
22 Ray's Super Market	285.18		285.18
2/28 Margaret Hornbeck Wages less Deductions	82.09		92.50
Total Expenditures	1625.21	468.00	1332.52
Account Balances	W/Tax Due 150.71	2032.47	109/79 1771.97

P & P A/c Jan 31 2019/00
P & P A/c Feb 28 1771.97
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J. Jay Bickel, Treas.

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Dr. Jackman

March 24, 1958

March 24, 1958

RE: FAIRBANKS, ALASKA
(Purchase of American Legion Building)

Charles E. Cole, Esq.
Attorney at Law
Lavery Building
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mr. Cole:

Your letter of March 17, 1958 was received by my office on March 20th. I have approved the contracts and have had the original and two copies executed by D. Allan Locke, Treasurer of the Board, and attested by Agnes Steiniger, Secretary of the Board, and am returning same to you together with a check in the amount of \$3,540.00, representing the deposit paid in accordance with the terms of said contract.

I have also examined title report No. 58-031. I understand of course that exception 2. will be removed and a proper satisfaction of the mortgage delivered for recording subsequent to the recording of the deed to the Board.

I do not know what to say about the 10' easement except that it appears to me to be unnecessarily large and I am glad to learn that you expect to secure a waiver of this easement from the City Council.

I believe that you will have to get a slight extension of time to close this transaction as it is obvious that you are not going to be able to get the contracts signed and back in my hands in time for me to get the remainder of the purchase price delivered.

In closing this transaction please be sure that the proper amount of revenue stamps is placed on the deed as provided in the contract and that the deed is recorded and returned to my office to my attention together with your closing statement, voucher for your services and policy of title insurance. I am also enclosing a data sheet which you will kindly complete and return for our property records.

Please advise me by return mail when you wish the checks for the balance in accordance with your instructions in letter of March 17, 1958.

Sincerely yours,

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Lucien H. Tribus
Legal Counsel

LHT:D
Enc.
cc: Dr. J. Earl Jackman

April 24, 1953

The Rev. James Payson Martin
Second Street at Thayer Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Jim:

We have just had word from Lee Douglas at McCormick Seminary that he has decided to join the staff of the Mountaineer Mining Mission in West Virginia. This leaves us without an immediate prospect for the Halffield area, but we shall begin to scour on this as soon as I can get to it. We have another man who has expressed his interest in our work and was being considered for a field in South Dakota, but that seems to be covered by a student from Dubuque Seminary. We shall try to follow this up and keep you informed on developments.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Sunday School Missions
and Mobile Ministries

JEJ:EW

cc: Mr. Wesley K. Tennis, Jamestown College, Jamestown, N.D.

P.S.

We should report to you that we had a wonderful trip with your father and mother into Alaska for the meetings of the two Presbyteries. Both of them made a real contribution to our fellowship and Christian program.

First Presbyterian Church

Second Street at Thayer Avenue
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
Telephone: CA3-6091

April 29, 1958

JAMES PAYSON MARTIN
MINISTER

CHARLES BENNETT
ASSISTANT MINISTER

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CUSTODIAN

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Earl:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 24th.

I had heard from Lee Douglas too that he was going to take up work in West Virginia. I was very sorry about this for my impression of him was outstanding and knew that he could fit into the Belfield situation well.

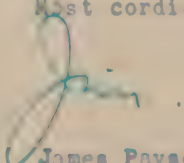
I had a letter from the Chairman of the Manse Committee at Belfield this morning, and they have worked out a very excellent manse plan and construction will begin within the next week. However, they have had no definite word from the Board of National Missions through John Penn's Office about the approval of a loan of \$7,500 for the church. Anything that you can do through your office will be greatly appreciated. Without this kind of assistance from the Board, the Church will not be able to build this new manse.

If you have other prospects for the Belfield field, let me know and I shall be happy to write to them.

My folks also reported the glorious time with you in Alaska and it was wonderful for them to renew some of their acquaintances from several years before.

My best to you always.

Most cordially,



JPM/mct

James Payson Martin

JUN 27 1958

First Presbyterian Church

Second Street at Thayer Avenue

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

Telephone: CA3-6091

June 25, 1958

Dr. J. Earl Jackman
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Earl:

For a long time I have been planning to send you an amount from our congregation for Hospitality House in Fairbanks. I have been holding off, for there are several who have indicated they wanted to give some funds, but had not done so yet. So I felt I would send you this check now, and more when other funds come to me.


Therefore, please find enclosed my own check for \$310.30 for this project. I still feel that there will be other amounts forthcoming, but felt you would want to get this money into use.

I was sorry that I did not get to the Alaska luncheon at the General Assembly. I had every intention of getting there, but became detained, and just could not get away. I did see several of the missionaries, as well as some of the men who had been on the preaching mission while I was in Pittsburgh.

We are still anxious to find a man for the Belfield Church. Their new manse will be completed in about two or three weeks, and so they are becoming extremely anxious about having a man. The situation desperately needs help, and I think the people are becoming discouraged without a pastor. Any word and help which you can give will be most appreciated.

I meant to say that our young people had quite a project, and raised much of the money which I am sending on to you for Hospitality House. They became quite interested. Also, about \$35.00 is from our Presbytery Council of Presbyterian Men. They had asked me to speak about Alaska, and I told them, and that very evening they took up an offering for the work of Hospitality House. When the story is told, I find there are funds.

Very cordially,


James Payson Martin

JPM/mct

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156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.

MONTHLY REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Date of Report April, 19 58

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STATISTICAL STATEMENT

	This Month	This Year	Last Year
1. Register at date of last report	<u>16</u>	—	—
2. New admissions	<u>10</u>	<u>40</u>	—
3. Readmissions	<u>4</u>	<u>18</u>	—
4. Total number of admissions*	<u>14</u>	<u>58</u>	—
5. Number of discharges*	<u>9</u>	<u>54</u>	—
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>21</u>	—	—
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents	<u>17</u>	<u>61</u>	—
8. Number of overnights lodging for non -residents	<u>521</u>	<u>2041</u>	—
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	<u>70</u>	<u>393</u>	—
10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1620</u>	<u>5845</u>	—
11. Daily average number of residents	<u>17</u>	—	—
12. Average length of stay per resident	<u>17 1/3 days</u>	—	—
13. Total capacity of Home for residents	<u>8 beds- 1 davano plus cots upstairs</u>	—	—
14. Number of groups or social gatherings using home during month	<u>11</u>	—	—
15. Number of classes held for: residents & community	<u>10</u>	—	—
16. Number of interviews or consultations with: residents	<u>38</u>	non-residents <u>52</u>	(ph calls 122)
17. Number applying for admission, not yet admitted	<u>4</u>	referred elsewhere	—

* Breakdown of Admissions

Referred by Dept. of Public Welfare _____
 Referred by Bureau Indian Affairs _____
 Referred by courts BJI 3
 Referred by private party or self 5
 Referred by other agency (specify) _____
ANS Relocation Office 2
ADH 4

*Breakdown of Discharges

Sent back to their own home 6
 Found job with housing 2
 Living in community 1
To Hospital

Mable R. Ramussen

Director of Home

PREBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
Fairbanks, Alaska

MAY 12 1958

NARRATIVE FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1958

April has come and gone so very quickly that it is difficult to look back and evaluate our work. The more we have to do the less time we have to think about it. Our house seems more full than usual perhaps because more of our girls are going out on day jobs rather than live-in. We have had more calls for day work than for anything else and in a way it is better; especially for those under the custody of the Board of Juvenile Institutions. Coming home each night and sharing in the activities and work of the House gives them a feeling of security. We have also had a number of mothers with babies this month and as we can put only two in the living room it means that the others must be put upstairs with the girls. We do our best to avoid taking mothers with young children (except those with new-borns) but when there is a need or an emergency they must have help. We will be so thankful when we have a room set aside for just that type of care.

There is a lot of activity around here these days. Our committees made up of members of the Operating Board are really cooperating and doing a fine job. This is especially true of the committee on property. Mr. Turner has been spending much time in the back yard getting it prepared for the plow, and in the front we have piles of dirt from some excavating the Methodists are doing on their property. With the warmer weather everyone seems to have new energy and I am sure much work will be done to improve the property this summer. The work team from the States will find a lot to do.

We have not had too many problems this month. We did have two girls who felt they could get by with mischief but were very sorry young girls before their prank was over. They had met some boys from the Base uptown and had told them they must come see us before they could date them. So far it was alright but although the boys did come over and both Mr. Rasmussen and I talked with them telling them what was expected of them and Mr. Rasmussen especially informed them they would be held responsible if any liquor was given to the girls, they evidently thought they could get by with it. They called for the girls promising to bring them home on time and to go to the show. They brought the girls home on time alright but one of them was so intoxicated that she was unconscious. They had made up a story saying she had left the group and met some other boys but at any rate there was not much to do until morning. When we talked with the girls in the morning the whole story came out. It had been planned but of course not with such consequences in view. Our first reaction was to send the girls back but they were so repentant and said they would take any penalty if we would give them one more chance. Well, we said we would try again and they would have a month's absolute restriction with church being the only place they could go. They all signed statements and the boys are being disciplined by the Air Force. It seems that with each new girl we have some sort of difficulty and misbehaviour to go through with and yet when they see we mean business they almost always cooperate. I doubt that we will have any more trouble with them.

I told you about a young woman, in last month's narrative, who was with us while her common law husband was in jail. While she was here she learned to care for her baby, took part in all religious doings and expressed herself willing to live a different life. Her husband was released about a week ago and the pastor of the Lutheran Church, of which he claimed to have been a member, went out of his way to secure work for the man, get his divorce settled with his former wife and is helping him to make an adjustment to a new way of life. They will be encouraged to attend church and eventually join. It was quite a problem but what was best for the children was what had to eventually decide the whole matter.

We are still hoping for news of a job of housekeeping or work in an institution, preferably Christian for our Mrs. Lamb. She needs work where she can have her children with her at least nights. She has been a wonderful help to us here but we do not feel it is best for the children. We have prayed much about this and hope that something will come up soon. She would like to be located in the south-western part of the United States if possible.

There has been a very fine and rather quiet upswing in the attitude of several of our girls in regard to things of the Lord. We were having a short prayer period each morning for the Staff and sometimes Mrs. Turner would also join us until one day one of the girls suggested that she and some of the others would like to come in for a short Bible reading. So now we have four girls each morning in our morning devotional period. We make it plain that only those who want to come are welcome. No urging is done. A notice is put on the bulletin board to that effect and when it is time Mrs. Smith rings our little bell. I am expecting more girls to take advantage of this in the future. Of course we have our daily devotional period right after dinner each night and it is required that every girl be there, but the morning period is just a bit special.

Our girl's time is still pretty well filled. We have one who is taking sewing lessons and may have another very soon. Then there are the other activities each night except Monday. Tuesday is the Charm Class, Wednesday night boy night when the boys come to see the girls; Thursday night is Homemaker's Club, and Friday night is late date night for those with dates. Saturday some go out but all must be in by 10:0'clock unless baby sitting. Sunday everyone goes to church in the morning and many of the girls go to Young People's in the evening as well as to evening service. All these things help to keep them busy.

We are hoping to have the back yard fixed up for a tennis court and a place for games. That too will be a big help. As of now they have a dart game and a ball and bat but need something more for interest.

Respectfully submitted:

Mable R. Rasmussen
Mable R. Rasmussen, Director

HOSPITALITY HOUSE
April 21, 1958
Fairbanks Alaska

APR 28 1958
MARCH REPORT

RECEIPTS:

Bank Building Personnel &
a/c Program a/c

3/21/58	Marie John - Terr. Ck			60.00
24	Barrow Childrens Xmas Party (via News Miner)			47.00
4	Lucille Mountain - U S Treas. Ck			60.00
2/19	Lillias A. Joy, St. Paul Minn. Gift			10.00
3/13	Mrs. Woods, California Via I. Miller Gift			50.00
31	Missionary District of Alaska of the Protestant Episcopal Church - Fairbanks Pledge of -			500.00
	DEPOSIT	727.00		
	Bank & March Receipts	727.00		727.00
	Credit P & P A/C Employee Meals			100.00
	A/C Bal Fdw from previous month	2032.47	109.79	1771.97
	TOTALS	2759.47	109.79	2598.97

DISBURSEMENTS:

3/21/58	Petroleum Sales, Inc Fuel oil	77.31		77.31
31	Mable R. Rasmussen, Wages less deductions	76.27		100.00
31	Viola Smith, Wages less deductions	83.82		225.00
4/ 7	Mable Rasmussen, P.Cash reimburse #2	110.91	19.00	91.91
10	Quality Meat Co.	66.55		66.55
10	North Pole Bakery	37.44		37.44
10	Ray's Super Market	204.67		204.67
10	Northern Linen /Supply	13.95		13.95
10	Matanuska Valley Farmers Coop Assn	13.72		13.72
10	Fairbanks Office Supply	4.91		4.91
10	Margaret Hornbeck Wages less deductions	72.33		80.00
16	Sears, Roebuck & Co. 500' wire Fence	315.20	315.20	
17	Alaska Employment Security Commission			
	For employee deductions 6.19; Employer	39.76		33.57 ER
17	Internal Revenue Svc- OAB EE 27.95; ER27.96			
	Federal W/Tax 165.90	221.81		27.96 ER OAB
17	Tax Commissioner, Terr. W/Tax EE	23.25		
	Total Expenditures	1361.90	334.20	976.99
	Account Balances	1397.57	(224.41)	1621.98

Bal P & P A/C 2/28/58 1771.97
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MARCH DEFICIT 149.99

J. Jay Bickel, Treas.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
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STATISTICAL STATEMENT

	This Month	This Year	MAY Last Year
1. Register at date of last report	<u>27</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. New admissions	<u>17</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>28</u>
3. Readmissions	<u>6</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>1</u>
4. Total number of admissions*	<u>17</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>29</u>
5. Number of discharges*	<u>10</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>23</u>
6. Total remaining in home at end of month	<u>20</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
7. Number of overnights lodging for non-residents	<u>85</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>188</u>
8. Number of overnights lodging for residents	<u>557</u>	<u>2441</u>	<u>35</u>
9. Number of meals provided non-residents	<u>309</u>	<u>702</u>	<u>75</u>
10. Number of meals provided residents	<u>1403</u>	<u>7757</u>	<u>1017</u>
11. Daily average number of residents <u>18</u>			
12. Average length of stay per resident <u>21 1/2 days</u>			
13. Total capacity of Home for residents <u>2 beds - 2 Davenny & cats upstairs</u>			
14. Number of groups or social gatherings using home during month <u>10</u>			
15. Number of classes held for residents <u>7</u> community <u>11</u>			
16. Number of interviews or consultations with: residents <u>25</u> non-residents <u>20</u>			
17. Number applying for admission, not yet admitted <u>8</u> referred elsewhere <u> </u>			

* Breakdown of Admissions

Referred by Dept. of Public Welfare
Referred by Bureau Indian Affairs 25
Referred by courts BJI 2
Referred by private party or self 15
Referred by other agency (specify)
S J 2
ADH 2
ANHS 1

* Breakdown of Discharges

Sent back to their own home 30
Found job with housing 5 & 1 bodies
Living in community
To Hospital 1
School in States 1
Married 1

Maude R. Rasmussen
Director of Home

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

NARRATIVE FOR MONTH OF MAY 1958

What a full month this has been. It does seem that with the long bright days our duties and activities are much increased. More to do and more people to be seen. Even our behaviour problems have increased a bit. As one Eskimo girl said, "I'm not used to this hot weather (temp. was 85 above) and it makes me want to be naughty." There are many, many people who seem to be effected in the same way in Fairbanks.

We had our usual fun and excitement during the time the young people were passing through on their way from school to their homes. They were all very well behaved with the exception of one girl who stayed away over-night. However, she did make her plane in the morning. We had a little extra excitement and work due to one of the planes having engine trouble. Thirty boys and girls had to stop off for a couple hours while repairs were being made so the BIA Travel Clerk called to ask if we could give them a meal during that time. As our own dinner was just over it meant starting all over but we decided to give them hot cakes. Our girls just pitched right in and everything went zipping along in good order. When the taxi's called for the young folk they were all fed and rested and ready to go on again. Several girls wanted to stay in town to work this summer but unless they had made application previously they had to continue on to the village.

A very real tragedy touched the lives of several of our girls recently. A bush plane crashed and the pilot as well as his three passengers were lost. All of them under twenty three years of age. Two of the boys had definite plans for marriage to two of our girls this summer. One of them had just completed his first year at the University of Alaska and was going back in the fall. I was amazed as I always am at the way in which these people accept their heartaches and trials. As I sat and talked with the girls about their future plans and of the many things connected with the sudden change in their lives, the tears streamed down their faces but there was never a word of bitterness nor even a question of "why?" such as we might ask, but just a gentle acceptance of God's will in their lives. It is especially difficult for one of the girls as she is to become a mother before the year is out.

A young woman has come to stay with us until something can be worked out for her. Her husband who habitually drinks and abuses her seems incapable of changing his ways and we have asked that she be given assistance through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Legal Department.

However, not all is sadness and unhappiness. Many of our girls are finding jobs and are making a good adjustment. Two of our high school girls have decided they want to go to Sheldon Jackson High School this fall and we are in the process of helping them make out applications. Then too, our Cathy Clark who was so unhappy with high school in Fairbanks has graduated from Sheldon Jackson and likes it so much that she will be going back for Junior College in the fall.

Miss Hornbeck has been able to put in more time and has been of great help in getting that part of our work going that we felt was so neglected. The Charm classes that have been going on for several weeks are now over and have been of much benefit to our girls. They learned a lot about their personal care and how to dress and to conduct themselves, something few of them know. Then at the end of the series, each girl was given an appointment to have her hair styled. What a difference it made in their looks. So much depends on the first appearance they make when looking for work and knowing they look well gives them much needed confidence. Miss Hornbeck has also been arranging swimming and roller skating parties once or twice a month as well as directing their spare time getting them

interested in wholesome activities and sports. We have considered the advisability of starting the Baby Care and Home Nursing classes but feel that with the need of all the fresh air and sunshine anyone can get that it will be better to start in August or September.

Mr. Turner has put in a very nice garden. We have already sampled some of the lettuce. A fence was to be put up in the back to protect the garden but until the perma frost has melted so the posts can be put in, it will have to wait. Many loads of fill dirt were dumped on the front of the property and when leveled off gave a much better appearance to the grounds. When the work party comes in July we are hoping that the outside logs can be sanded and oiled which will also help the looks of the building. Now that the plans concerned with wiring and plumbing have been completed we are in hopes that the upstairs will soon be renovated. We feel more crowded than ever now that the boxes and boxes of supplies have been coming in from the churches. We need more shelf space and working space to properly sort and care for it and cannot do much until the carpenters get at their part of the work. However, once they get going it will not take long.

A very special thanks should go to all those churches and women's groups that have more than done their share in helping us with our needs. What a blessing it has been to have enough of most everything for a change. (We have sent 'thank you's' to all contributors) With the continual wear and tear everything is welcome, and everything gets used.

Now the best for the last. I am so very pleased with the continuing good attitude of several of our girls in regard to the things of God. There is a very definite interest in Bible study. I wrote last month about the girls who requested time for Bible study in addition to our regular devotional period and how we turned our morning staff and prayer meeting into a short Bible study also. We have had as many as eight of the girls. Many of them go to work and cannot be here but one girl was heard to say "I wish I could be home for our devotional time." However they are encouraged to read their Bibles and to come at any time for help and if we cannot answer their questions there is always a pastor we can call on. Two of our girls have recently decided they want to put the old life behind and really live anew in Christ. Can anything more wonderful than that happen to them and to us, or can we give them anything better? When these things are done about without any special urging or any other kind of pressure we feel that it is truly led of God and that His Spirit is truly working in our midst. Most wonderful things are being accomplished through the quiet steadfast praying of God's people everywhere, and how wonderful that we too are included. May there be many years of this sort of praying. It is so badly needed. For the few that are being reached, there are so many more, who need to know the Lord.

Respectfully submitted:

Wade R. Rasmussen
Wade R. Rasmussen, Director

June 30, 1958

The Rev. James Payson Martin
Second and Thayer Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota

Dear Mr. Martin:

Your letter of June 25th has been received in Dr. Jackman's absence on a field trip to Alaska with this year's Seminar group. This correspondence will be brought to his attention upon his scheduled return to the office the week of July 14th.

We have credited the \$310.30 check you forwarded to the proper account here and our Board's official receipt will be forwarded in a few days. You will be interested to know that Dr. Jackman and the Seminar will be visiting the Hospitality House in Fairbanks this afternoon. They were scheduled to take the 8:30 A.M. flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks, and after visiting the University of Alaska this morning, are to go to Hospitality House this afternoon, have dinner at the College Church, and are staying overnight at McIntosh Hall at the University. Dr. Jackman will be writing you after his return giving "first hand" information about the Eskimo Center.

We appreciate this generous contribution from your church members and especially the young people and men. Their gift will mean much to the recipients in Fairbanks.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Sunday School Missions
and Mobile Ministries
Work in Alaska

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The Rev. James Payson Martin

Second and Thayer Avenue
Bismarck, North Dakota

First Presbyterian Church

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PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
1106 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Aug 4 1958

NARRATIVE FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1958

A year ago this month we had two weddings, but this year we have had none, although for a while we thought we might. We had the bride, the minister and the cakes all baked except for the icing, but the groom failed to show up at the proper time, nor did he show up until late on the wedding day when our bride-to-be located him down the street fixing a flat tire. This may sound amusing, but believe me it was not. Although this wedding did not materialize, I must say we are thankful as the girl is a lovely young unmarried mother who, we felt, was led into this position by her desire for a home and security for her baby and herself. She has since found work and is supporting herself and baby.

We have had a variety of happenings at Hospitality House this month. Two young women were brought to us because of the cruel treatment of their husbands. One was sent to the village to be with her parents and the other one, after counseling with both parties, decided to try it once more.

We also had a little 16-year-old gypsy girl brought to us by the territorial police, who had run away from an unhappy home life. She had been living with her in-laws, having been married to their son when both she and the boy were just 13 years old, according to gypsy tradition. These people spend a good share of the year in Fairbanks and operate a little store where the mother tells fortunes and gets more income by other ways. The girl had been taught to pick pockets and to flich money and valuables in any way she could. When she was brought to us she was very much upset and had come to hate her mother-in-law. When the police brought her, they had left word that no member of her family was to see her, but in some way they had found out that she was here, so a very emotionally upset mother and voluble father-in-law came to our door. We have had many disturbing events at Hospitality House, but nothing to compare with the uproar and din which they caused. After much persuasion, they left with the understanding that they could call in the morning. All the while this uproar was going on, the little girl had dived under the bed in my room and remained there until order was restored. We saw to it that she was bathed and soothed and put to bed and the next morning, arrangements were made through the territorial police and her father-in-law to send her back to her mother in California. Of course all our girls missed nothing of all this excitement, but the thing that amazed them most was to hear the gypsy girl tell them that she had been purchased for \$1200 and that this was all in the family!

We have taken three girls who came to us from St. Lawrence Island through the Native Service Re-location Office. They have come with the purpose of learning to do housework and of finding jobs. They are lovely girls, but very quiet and reserved. Two of them have eighth and ninth grade education and the other has finished the fourth grade. We were much concerned about the girl with the fourth grade education because she seemed unusually shy and we felt she would be unable to make a good adjustment. But, in answer to prayer, we were able to place her in a fine Christian home where, although she is not earning very much, she is very happy. We did not realize until the girls were all dressed for church on Sunday morning, that this little

girl all on a warm bright June day, started out for church in her very heavy snow pants and rubber boots. Due to our full house and rushing about, we had not asked her what she had to wear, so had to let her go as she was until we had time to get proper clothing for her.

We have had a few problems this month. Two of our girls decided to take off one evening. They were gone all night. After enquiring around a bit, I learned of some boys they had had contact with the day before, who were stationed at the nearby base. I called one of the boys, informing him that I expected the girls to be brought back within an hour or I would report them to their commanding officer--the girls were returned in three quarters of an hour. Although the boy I contacted was not responsible for this, he did know where the girls were. One girl was sent back to the town from which she had come (she has since been placed in a lenient-type of foster home) and the other girl was put in the detention home here in Fairbanks to await transportation to a girls' school in the States. After a few hours in detention, she began to repent and although she was there for four days, we did not feel we could take her out sooner. She promised that if we would only let her come back she would obey all rules and regulations and so far has kept her promise. It seems that almost every one of these girls who come to us with an unhappy background must have at least one experience of this kind before they will settle down and become an actual part of our home.

We continue to have our morning devotional period from which we gain much help and strength.

Evening entertainment such as ball games, roller skating, entertaining on boy night and other activities are conducted with the help of Miss Hornbeck. Our Homemakers Club disbanded for the summer but will meet again in September. Miss Hornbeck and I met with the nurses from the Health Center and have arranged for a course in child care to be given under the sponsorship of Hospitality House but with the public health nurses giving the instruction. Although I sat in on the initial meeting, Miss Hornbeck will take over the organizing of these classes and other classes that we may have in the future, such as home nursing and others that the girls might be interested in.

We are having many requests from girls who cannot, for one reason or another, attend the government school. This means that they will have no place to go unless they can be taken into Sheldon Jackson. We have had these requests sometimes from parents and sometimes from one of the public agencies to keep a girl during the school year. This is not exactly what we had planned for Hospitality House in the first place, but I feel that if we can take a few of these girls and still carry out the work of our original plan to help girls become adjusted to the city and to find work, that this is a need too that must be met. As the agencies that recommend these girls pay for a part of their care, it helps us financially.

We enjoyed having the seminar with us for a mooseburger luncheon. We were so glad to meet all the folks from the many different places in the States as well as having Dr. and Mrs. Jackman with us again.

Miss Marilyn Latta, who is majoring in education and planning to do missionary work, has come to spend her vacation with us. We are more than thankful that she is here, as she fits into just about any place where we need her. We will be very sorry to see her go back to school.

Many of our needs are being supplied, but we will always be in need of financial help. Nevertheless, as we continue before God in prayer, we feel He will lay it upon the hearts of Christians to give toward this work.

Respectfully submitted:

Mrs. Mable Rasmussen
(Mrs.) Mable R. Rasmussen

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

NARRATIVE FOR MONTH OF JULY 1958

Our work continues much the same with about the same number of girls coming and going. As it is also the month for tourists we have enjoyed so very much the visitors from the States. Many have come either by car or plane wanting to see Alaska having heard so much about it. Among these folk were many who were Presbyterians and really interested in what their church is doing. Some we had had correspondence with and had even received packages from their local women's groups. They were so happy to be able to go home with information that cannot be had except through a personal visit. Then the Seminar was as usual a very real pleasure and especially did I enjoy the trip to the Arctic villages with them. In addition to getting acquainted with these fine folk I had an opportunity to visit several of the families of the girls who stay with us. I was able too, to contact people in Barrow and Nome who have much to do with the welfare of many of our young Eskimo people such as the Probation Officer and Nurses or Teachers. The more we know about the girls who come to us the better we are able to help them.

Miss Marilyn Latta who has been of such great help to us finds that because of illness in the family, she will not be able to attend school in California as she had planned. We have talked this over with her feeling that she could attend the University of Alaska and live at the Hospitality House and giving what assistance she could with the work here. As she is majoring in Sociology the experience would be of help to her. We are taking this up with our Operating Board at the next meeting.

The work party of eleven members came on the 11th of July. Much was accomplished. We did wonder at first when we found that instead of the boys we had asked for we had girls - but believe me, boys could not have worked harder nor have done a better job than they did. Members of the congregation opened their homes to most of the party but we were still short of rooms for three of the girls so they camped in with our girls until room in a private home was found for two of them and the third girl stayed with us during the four weeks. Breakfast was served them where ever they stayed but lunch and dinner was served at the Hospitality House. Mrs. Ullum, wife of the director of the group was an excellent cook and assisted in the kitchen. Everything went very well and we enjoyed the group. However, I have a suggestion to make and it is this - that before a work party is sent to us again that they be given all the information possible about our work. It would save much in the way of getting adjusted especially when their time with us is so limited. As they were for the most part college young people from the States they naturally could not understand our reasons for rules that could even sound ridiculous to them - such as not allowing our girls to go to town by themselves nor to attend the local USO. We have found some of these rules to be necessary because of conditions in Fairbanks. I am most anxious that anyone coming here at any time be given as straight a picture of the need as possible so that when going back to the States they may present these needs properly. We enjoyed these young folk and our only real regret was that we could not entertain them by showing them more of the country while here.

During their stay they sanded the outside of the building which was quite a job in itself and put a porch at the back door. They cleaned the yard and brought in fill dirt when they could get it. (We still need many more loads to level the ground.) On the inside of the house three bedrooms were completed as well as the isolation room. The bathroom was roughed in and will not have much more done on it until time and money permit. As soon as the busy season is over the worker's apartment will be started and perhaps by that time further plans for the rest of the rooms can be made. It is amazing to see what a difference this work has made. We have moved Mrs. Smith into

one of the rooms and three girls in each of the other two bedrooms. The isolation room when not in use will do very nicely for an extra study room for the girls going to school. Mr. Latta came to visit a few days while he was in Fairbanks on business and gave us a hand with many tasks that needed doing. He finished painting the isolation room a gleaming white and then helped move furniture where it belonged. He also tore out the partition between the living-dining room and the bedroom so we now have another twelve feet added on which is a great help. We were really feeling crowded especially when we had any group activities.

We are lamenting the fact that schooling for some of our Eskimo and Indian boys and girls is becoming quite a problem. We have had a number of requests from young folk in the villages desiring to attend school here in Fairbanks because the Mt. Edgecumbe Government School cannot take any more freshmen. Sheldon Jackson has more applications than they can handle. For some reason a number of the Mt. Edgecumbe students were dismissed because of bad behaviour last year and although they had only one or two years left in High School were not accepted back. We had one such girl who came to see me asking if I could get her enrolled at Sheldon Jackson. She admitted her misbehaviour and begged for a chance to go on to school. She seemed most sincere and I told her I could not recommend her with that record but that if she would come to Fairbanks to work for room and board that we would try to help her. She agreed and after much writing back and forth to her father and others in the village that is what we have agreed on. I was much amused when I received her application that her reason for wanting to come here was to "reform so that she can go to S.J. next year".

A nurse from the Health Department brought us a young girl of sixteen who was most unhappy in her family. The same old story of drinking. The girl needed orthopedic care and was very nervous. After talking it over with our Board it was decided we would keep her until some arrangement could be made for her schooling in one of the Indian Schools in the States.

We had a most amusing incident (not at the time) which we call the Cabbage Episode I believe you might like to hear about. We have a lovely garden planted and for the most part tended by Mr. Turner. Early one rainy morning a policeman came to our door wanting us to let him talk with the girls who had been stealing cabbages out of our garden. The two watchmen from the Fairview Manor Housing project said they had seen three girls (native) take cabbages and then go to the basement of Fairview Manor and had taken some towels from a locker and then when going after them, the men said they ran around our building and into our back door. That did not seem possible as our doors are locked from the inside but they insisted so we invited the policeman to go around with us. It was dreadfully wet outside and we knew there would be wet shoes by someone's bed had they been out. We must have been a sight prowling around bed after bed with a flashlight looking for wet shoes. Everything was quiet and every girl asleep. Mrs. Smith was quite indignant and informed the men that she couldn't see any of our girls stealing cabbages when they had been grumbling that they ate so much it was coming out of their ears. The girls were never found but I have a feeling that those men still think something was put over on them. You can imagine how glad we were that we didn't find wet shoes.

Some of our regular activities had to be discontinued for the few weeks the work party was here but we kept up our activities as much as possible. Miss Hornbeck arranged a talk for Boy's night by the Sports Editor and also arranged some picnics and parties during the month. The Child Care classes got off to a good start and the girls are enjoying them.

In closing we would again thank God for His wonderful care and guidance and for the many benefits we are enjoying.

Respectfully submitted:

Mable R. Rasmussen
Mable R. Rasmussen, Director

*Fairbanks
Native Center*

July 25, 1958

The Rev. James P. Martin
First Presbyterian Church
Second Street at Thayer Avenue
Bismarck, N.D.

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the check for \$110.30 which had been received in the office during my absence with another Seminar to Alaska. We certainly appreciate the way you have presented this to your people, and response which has come from them for this worthy project. Our Seminar had lunch at Hospitality House and enjoyed the Mooseburgers very much. The girls who were living at the House helped to serve us. The Board has purchased the building and there is now a work camp crew of eight young people from southern California there, who are "dressing up" the building and surroundings, and will do some of the necessary work inside the building getting it ready for occupation of the girls. During the first year, more than 200 girls received some kind of service through the house, and with the enlarged facilities, it will be possible to add to that number. Also a third member of the staff will be added for program activities. The girls are having "charm classes" in order to learn to take care of themselves personally, receiving guidance in child care and housekeeping, instructions in how to get and keep a job, as well as Christian guidance in moral and spiritual affairs. Those who have been associated with this problem in Fairbanks and who are on Hospitality House staff, are wondering now how they ever got along without such a place in the midst of their problems. This is one of the most valuable projects of National Missions in Alaska in the past several years. We are delighted that you and your people are having a part in it.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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HOSPITALITY HOUSE
July 21, 1958
Fairbanks Alaska

1958

JUNE REPORT
Personnel &
Program

Bank Building
a/c

RECEIPTS:

6/18	Board Nat'l Missions - for Capital Impvmts	2854.99	2854.99	
24	Deposit	2854.99		
26	Board Nat' Missions - June opr. allot.			541.67
27	Deposit	541.67		
21	Myrtle Tobuk - Cash - Self			30.00
18	U S Treas ck - BIA			240.00
11	Terr. Ck - - BJI			429.00
23	Terr Ck - - BJI			463.56
4	Anna Capel - Cash - Self			3.00
2	Lucille Mountain - Cash - Self			50.00
7/1	Alaska Travelling Seminar - Gift			40.00
6/30	Gilbert J. Andrews - Gift - Cash			20.00
	Deposit	1275.56		
	Bank & June Receipts	4672.22	2854.99	1817.23
	CR P & Pgm a/c employee meals, etc			125.00
	A/C Bal fdw from previous month	3889.00	(302.42)	4048.58
	Totals - - -	8561.22	2612.57	5990.81
			2512.57	

DISBURSEMENTS:

1958				
6/21	Municipal Util - El 79.45; W 32.80; T 14.28	126.53		126.53
7/11	Columbia Imbr Co.	29.61	29.61	
11	Mitchell Tr & Tractor - Fill Dirt	390.00	390.00	
11	Alaska Surplus Prop. Svc - Drayage food	2.00		2.00
11	Mable Rasmussen, PC Reimburse #5 Supplies	19.07		19.07
11	Union Cab Co. - Fares	19.50		19.50
11	Pearsons - Janitor repr to clean Equip.	40.50		40.50
11	Shaw's Piano & Music - Piano tune	23.00		23.00
11	North Pole Bakery - Bread	46.00		46.00
11	Ray's Super Market, Inc. - Food	268.56		268.56
11	Northern Linen Supply - Laundry	13.23		13.23
11	Matanuska Valley F. Coop - Dairy prod.	25.98		25.98
6/30	Mable Rasmussen - wages less Ded.	76.27		100.00
6/30	Viola Smith - wages less Ded.	116.59		300.00
6/30	Margaret Hornbeck - wages less Ded.	188.36		230.50
7/15	Employ. Security Comm. - ESC EE 8.01 plus 2.7% employer 43.32	51.33		43.32
15	Tax Commissioner - Terr W/Tax EE 32.32	32.32		
15	Director of Internal Revenue - OAB EE 36.09 plus Fed W/Tax employee 230.70	302.88		36.09 ER OAB
	Total Expenditures	1771.73	419.61	1294.28
	Account Balances	6789.49	202.96	4696.53

6/30/58 Bal P P a/c 4696.53
5/31/58 Bal P&P a/c 4048.58
June excess receipts
over Expenditures 647.95

J. Jay Bickel, Treas.

PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITALITY HOUSE * Fairbanks Alaska
November 10, 1958

OCTOBER 1958 REPORT

RECEIPTS:	Bank	Building a/c	Personnel & Program a/c
10/21 96 transient students - BIA			384.00
17 Claire Dobson - DPW			80.00
8 Womens Ass'n 1st Presby Church - Anchorage Alaska GIFT			60.00
11 Mrs. Heckel - Local Gift			10.00
16 Board Juvenile Institutions - BJI			414.00
24 M Mulukhon - BIA			60.00
24 Hazel Onwari - BIA			65.00
24 Mary Williams - BIA			15.00
24 Hannah Frank - BIA			6.00
24 Mildred Roberts - BIA			6.00
24 Willa Kulukhon - BIA			60.00
24 BJI reimburse for cab fares, supplies and shoe repair			16.89
11/10 Board of Nat'l Missions - Advance for Bldg renovation- -			
		4600.00	
Deposits thru Nov. 12/58	5776.89		
Bank and Oct. receipts	5776.89	4600.00	1176.89
CR P & P a/c Employee meals			100.00
A/C Bal FDW from previous month	(313.81)	(3428.95)	3114.24
Totals	5463.08	1171.95	4391.13

DISBURSEMENTS:

10/16 Municipal Util	1114.94	W38.09	T18.21	171.24		171.24
31 Petroleum Sales - Fuel oil				161.51		161.51
31 Mable R. Rasmussen- Wages less Ded.				76.27		100.00
31 Viola Smith - Wages less Deduct.				141.59		300.00
11/3 Reimburse Church for Telephone calls				25.40		25.40
10/31 Margaret Hornbeck - Wages less deduct.				161.24		195.00
11/10 Tripp Office Equip - typewriter rental				8.50		8.50
10 Nerlands - Glass repair to windows				7.87	7.87	
10 Pfaff Sewing Center - Rprs 7 Sew Mchns				31.50		31.50
10 Fbks Office Supply- typewriter & supplies				81.55		81.55
10 George J. Farkas - Rprs to oil burner				24.00		24.00
10 Ray Hughes - Instal kitchen sink				41.19	41.19	
10 Union Cab - Fares				6.00		6.00
10 North Pole Bakery - Bread				44.48		44.48
10 Northern Linen Supply - Laundry				31.59		31.59
10 Valle Benson- 5Hrs carpenter cupbd & sink				20.00	20.00	
10 Rays Super Mkt. - 2 Months groceries				896.08		896.08
Total Disbursements				1930.01	69.06	2076.85
Acc't balances W/T Liabil 115.90				3533.07	1102.89	2314.28

9/30 P & Pgm Bal	3114.24
10/31 P & Pgm Bal	2314.28
	<u>799.96</u>
Less Oct allot not recd	541.67
October Opr. Deficit	<u>258.29</u>

J. Jay Rickel, Treas.

HOSPITALITY HOUSE - Fairbanks Alaska
September 30, 1958

AUGUST 1958 REPORT

RECEIPTS:

	Bank	Building a/c	Personnel & Program a/c
8/10 Gull's - Allowance for old wash machine		10.00	
12 So. Range Pres. Ladies Aid-So. Range, Wis.- Gift			5.00
11 Mrs. S. W. Johnson, Merced Calif. - Gift			25.00
29 One person - ADPW			6.00
29 Six persons - BJI			450.00
29 C. Huntington - Reimburse for cab fare			1.00
29 Sarah D. Pond, Walton New York - Gift			5.00
9/19 Deposit	502.00		
Bank and August receipts	502.00	10.00	492.00
CR P & Pgm a/c Employee meals, etc			100.00
Acc't balances FDW from previous month	1565.26	(2781.46)	4223.39
Totals	2067.26	(2771.46)	4815.39

DISBURSEMENTS:

9/3 Petroleum Sales, Inc. Fuel oil	94.84		94.84
3 The Paint Pot - Renovation Mtls	103.72	103.72 *	
9 Fbks Lumber Supply - Bal on statement	378.03	378.03 *	
8/30 Viola Smith - Wages less deductions	141.59		300.00
30 Mabel R. Rasmussen - Wages less deductions	76.27		100.00
9/19 Municipal Utilities-El84.50;W29.58;T18.21	132.29		132.29
25 Mabel Rasmussen - P. cash reimburse #7	89.26		89.26
25 Tripp Office Equip. - Typewriter rental	8.50		8.50
25 Commercial Ptg Co. - Tel directory listing	5.00		5.00
25 Matanuska Valley Farmers Coop - Dairy products	34.98		34.98
25 Yellow Cab Co. - Transportation	5.50		5.50
25 A & F Cold Storage-Locker rent to 9/19/59	35.00		35.00
25 North Pole Bakery	67.96		67.96
25 Northern Linen Supply - Laundry	22.21		22.21
25 Ray's Super Mkt. - Groceries	414.34		414.34
30 Joseph H. Keeney, Contractor-Aug Mtl & lbr	174.84	174.84 *	
Total Disbursements	1784.33	656.59	1309.88
Acc't Balances W/T Liab. 205.47	282.93	(3428.05)	3505.51

* Bldg Renovation Items

7/31/58 Bal P & Pgm a/c	4223.39
8/31/58 Bal P & Pgm a/c	3505.15
	717.88
Less Aug. allotment due	541.67
August operating deficit	176.21

J. Jay Bickel, Treas

HOSPITALITY HOUSE - Fairbanks Alaska
August 31, 1958

JULY 1958 REPORT

RECEIPTS:

	Bank	Building A/C	Personnel & Program A/C
7/21 Bd of Nat'l Missions-July P & P allotment			541.67
2 Lucille Mountain - ANS Cash			50.00
2 Magdalene Kuluhon ANS			60.00
2 Martha Okinello - ANS			60.00
24 O'Pinga Stickwan - ADH			24.00
15 Bd of Juvenile Inst. - BJI			411.00
15 Willa Kuluhon - ANS			60.00
8/7 Itinerant Students - BIA (housing)			72.00
7 Lucille Mountain - ANS Cash			50.00
7 Lillian Esmailka - Self Cash			3.00
7 Hannah Peter - BIA Cash 30.00; Ck 60.00			90.00
7 Martha Okinello - BIA			60.00
7 Agnes Peetok - BIA			60.00
Deposits	1541.67		
Bank and July Receipts	1541.67	-0-	1541.67
CR P & Pgm a/c Employee meals, etc			50.00
Acc't Balances FDW from prev. Month	6799.49	2092.96	6696.53
Totals - - -	8331.16	2092.96	6288.20

DISBURSEMENTS:

7/19 Karl Main 1/2 Beef	152.09		152.09
21 City Of Fbks. - Bldg Permit	27.00	27.00*	
21 Municipal Utilities E179.15; W29.73; T20.31	129.19		129.19
28 Philleo Engr. Svc. - Engr & Prints	1316.91	1316.91*	
31 Mable Rasmussen Wages less Ded.	76.27		100.00
31 Viola Smith - Wages less Ded.	101.59		300.00
8/5 Fairbanks Lumber Supply - Materials	1086.78	1086.78*	
5 Joseph Keeney - Contractor Bldg renovation	1308.71	1308.71*	
7 Gull's - New Washing Machine	227.95	227.95	
7 Mable R. Rasmussen PCach reimburse #6	185.24		185.24
13 Fairbanks Plumbing & Heating	10.70	10.70*	
13 The Paint Pot - Mtls	345.37	345.37*	
15 G & R Sheet Metal - Mtls & Labor heat system	551.00	551.00*	
18 Municipal Utilities E187.16; W31.16; T18.21	136.53		136.53
21 Mable R. Rasmussen - Part fare for Latti-Sitka	50.00		50.00
29 Margaret Hornbeck - Wages less Ded.	183.81		183.81 225.00
30 The Furniture Mart - Norge Washer Repairs	47.00		47.00
30 Karl Main - 1/2 Beef 217# @ .67	145.39		145.39
30 Tripp Office Equip. - Typewriter rental	17.00		17.00
30 North Pole Bakery - Bread	48.00		48.00
30 Northern Linen Supply - Laundry	23.34		23.34
30 Quality Meat Co.	18.98		18.98
30 Matanuska Valley Farmers Coop - Dairy Prod.	34.69		34.69
30 Fbks Office Supply - Bond paper	4.25		4.25
30 Ray's Super Market Inc. - Food	448.11		448.11
Total Disbursements	6765.90	4074.42	2084.81
Account Balances: W/T Liab-123.33 -	1565.26	(2781.46)	4223.39
6/30/58 Bal Per & Pgm a/c			4696.53
7/31/58 Bal Per & Pgm a/c			4223.39
JULY 1958 Opr. Deficit			473.14

* Bld'g Renovation Items

Shop House

January 14, 1959

The Rev. John C. Stokes
Box 555
College, Alaska

Dear John:

About a month ago we received the report from you about the finances on Hospitality House. The November financial report was sent which of course could not give us a clear picture of actually how we stand because there were two more monthly payments from our Board to be received toward the operating cost for 1958. Nor could we determine at that time exactly what the deficit would be on the renovation costs of the building. We recognize however, that you did not have enough money from both sources to cover what has been done and an additional amount is still needed. Meanwhile, we asked Miss Koerner to send vouchers to the Treasury Department to clear all of the gift money which we had been holding separately for the House, and to send an additional \$2,000.00 of Board funds in an effort to catch up with the need.

When First Church asked to take the responsibility for the House, Dick wrote and said that the officers of the church were willing to assume the responsibility for the finances of the renovation, if the Board would purchase the building and make it available for the program. The Board then purchased the building, and we made available to the Hospitality House Board, the amount which had come in from voluntary gifts plus \$4,600.00 which represented the rent for the year plus the \$1,000.00 earnest money which was taken from volunteer gifts to assure the Legion that we were serious about getting the building. Beyond this there have also come the monthly payments from the Board which had been designated as maintenance and operation. Glen Carson feels that this money for maintenance and operation was not intended for construction. However, if there were a balance from this fund at the end of the year which was not needed in the program, I would be disposed to allow it for the construction, on the ground that other monies could have been taken out of the program from local gifts and used for the construction. In fact, the monthly operating costs have been supported by volunteer gifts from the states for the House.

A few days ago I was in Atlantic City for the meeting of the Commission on Evangelism, and had a brief visit with Mr. Harry B. Young of Detroit who was up to Alaska for Presbytery meetings a couple of years ago. We

asked if we had any special needs and I told him of the need for additional funds for Hospitality House. He told me that one of their women had recently sent in \$500.00 for some special project, and I claimed it immediately. He promised to send it to me as soon as he returned to Detroit. In addition, I know where I can get another \$500.00 to match it out of non-budget funds.

It would seem wise for me to return to you, the bills from Joe Keeny because you would want them up there for the settlement of all of your bills and expenditures. As we have told Jay Pickel, we will want a final statement of money expended on building costs and equipment as soon as we get the job done.

Alan Carson is coming to Alaska the latter part of this month, and I have asked him to go on to Fairbanks to check with you about Hospitality House, the plans for completing the upstairs in your manse, and any further development on the College manse and Joe Heckel's house. He did not intend to come as far as Fairbanks, but I hope he will. We have asked him to look at houses in Nunaka Valley for possible purchase if, and when the way is clear to start a work there.

During my last meeting with the Board of Hospitality House, I read the statement to the Board of the working agreement between the First Church and Hospitality House on the one side, and the Board of National Missions on the other, which set forth specifically, the requirement of our Board that the budget for the year ahead be projected and submitted to the Secretary of the Department for approval, and that the proposed members of the Hospitality House Board be submitted for approval before their election could be final. A copy of that statement was left with the Secretary and should be in the minutes of the Board.

As soon as Jay Pickel can close his books for the year 1958, we would like to have the final report, and there may be something in that which would indicate where we stand on cost and things yet to be done on the building.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEJ:EW
CC: The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

and

THE BOARD OF AMERICAN MISSIONS
OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF NORTH AMERICA

PRESBYTERIAN NATIONAL MISSIONS
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

156 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK 10 N Y

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March 19, 1959

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
1106 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Maile:

Thank you for your letter of March 17th inquiring about the date of my presence in Fairbanks. I think we did talk about the 12th of April, but I discovered upon my return, that some conditions have occurred that have upset this planning. The change of the dates of the meetings of the two Presbyteries and the presence in Alaska with me of some official visitors, make it necessary for me to rearrange the schedule.

I expect to arrive in Fairbanks on the evening of April 6th by Alaska Airlines, with Dr. James Leitch, who is the head of our Building and Church Extension Department. We will be in Fairbanks all day on the seventh, and will leave the morning of the 8th for Juneau and the Alaska Presbytery. On the morning of April 11th, I shall leave Fairbanks with Dr. H. L. Holmquist and the Rev. Phillip Holmquist, who is the Stated Clerk of the Synod of Washington, for Juneau and Anchorage in the afternoon. We had planned to be in Anchorage on April 12th and the next following to attend the meetings of Yukon Presbytery. Following the meeting of Presbytery, I shall leave Anchorage the morning of the 15th to fly through Fresno, California to speak there the morning of the 19th. Because of the expense involved, I had not planned to come on to Fairbanks again on the 12th or the following week.

Since you are planning a dedication service for Hospitality House, could that be done on the evening of the 7th, which is Tuesday? If it seems best to you and the Board of the House, I can come up on Saturday evening, the 11th and be in Fairbanks for the 12th, but had not planned to spend this extra money from Anchorage to Fairbanks again. Suppose you and John Stokes consider this, and I will accept your recommendation whether it be on Tuesday evening the 7th, or whether it be on Saturday, the 12th.

Mr. John Park Lee is our Staff Consultant on the operation of Presbyterian Homes, Community Centers and Welfare Houses. He is the Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Health and Welfare Association, and the one to whom we look for guidance in program and buildings in this part of our missionary service. He is visiting Hospitality House and Gaines House, particularly in order to understand something of their program, and be available for advice and counsel for the future. He is coming to Fairbanks

specifically to visit you, so we hope it will be possible for him to come for dinner with the whole staff and girls in order for him to understand our work there. I think it would be well for him to meet with the Hospitality House Board during his visit. You must understand that this is not an "official inspection", but rather to understand what we are doing with a freedom to make suggestions which we hope will be helpful in the program. We would suggest that you tell him all about what you are doing, and then ask if he has any suggestions which can be made to you and to the Board and the local Board.

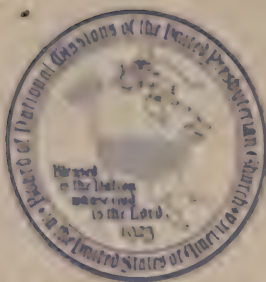
I am wondering if there is any need for me to have a meeting with the Hospitality Board while I am there. We do not want them to feel that they must come together for an official meeting for everyone who comes along, but since the appropriation and board contact is through our office, I do want to keep in touch with the Board and what we are all trying to do together.

We are glad to get the report that the renovations have been completed so far that you and Harry will have your apartment alone. We do appreciate the fine service which you are both giving. Best regards, and blessings upon you in your wonderful work. I shall be looking forward to another visit with you in April.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEU:EW.
CC : The Rev. Brian W. Cloworth
The Rev. John Stokes



BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK 10, N.Y.

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November 2, 1959

Mrs. E.V. Lodge
Bergholz,
Ohio

Dear Ethel:

Thanks for your reminder about the suggestions for a project in Alaska for the remaining money in the treasury. When I returned from Ohio, there were so many things to do that I had overlooked the need for the report to you.

We have so many things that need to be done in Alaska that I do not know where to start. In Anchorage and Fairbanks where cities are growing, we need money for the purchase of new sites to get new work started, but that takes thousands of dollars. Juneau, Auke Lake Chapel and Petersburg, will be getting new Christian Education additions next summer and they will need money for furnishings and equipment. Barrow is requesting and needs a new manse to provide more housing for the missionary staff. Any of these would be delighted to receive the gift from your women.

However, I think I will suggest the Hospitality House, 1106 Airport Road, Fairbanks. Many Eskimo girls have come from the Arctic Coast villages to the city of Fairbanks with or without their families. They are attracted by the "bright lights" and thrills of city life. Coming from homes without furniture and sanitary facilities, they are not prepared to get jobs of any kind in the city. Many of them wander the streets and are exploited physically, morally, and economically. They come to the Health Clinic for care for social diseases or pre-natal. Some are placed in jail as vagrants or drunks. Some local people in our church have taken responsibility and have been willing to do something for these girls. Our Board purchased a log building and it has been renovated for staff and eighteen girls. Girls are there for oversight, over a few nights, or a few weeks. They get training in sewing, preparation of food, housekeeping, baby sitting, personal habits and Christian experience. In two years, more than three-hundred girls have had some service from Hospitality House. They need equip-

ment, such as a new kitchen stove and a movie projector. If your gift could be applied to such needs, it would be greatly appreciated. The check can be sent to me, payable to the Board of National Missions, and I will send it on to Mrs. Mabel Rasmussen who is the Director of the House.

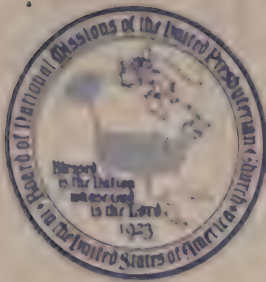
Thanks for all the news in your letter. It is always good to hear from you and Ernie. We are well and as usual, very busy. Best regards to both of you.

Cordially,

New office address:
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N.Y.

J. Earl Jackman

JEJ/csb



BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

RIVERSIDE 9-2200

November 30, 1959

Mrs. E.V. Lodge
L. Bx. 284
Bergholz, Ohio

Dear Ethel:

Thank you for the check for \$45.- which we have placed in the fund for Hospitality House in Fairbanks. We appreciate this gift which will assist us in getting the necessary equipment to continue the program of ministry to the girls through this center. Please express our thanks to your women for this help. This has been placed in the Treasury Department and you should receive the official receipt from there for it. We are notifying Hospitality House of this gift and soon we will be clearing this fund in the Treasury Department to forward it to them.

It is always good to hear from you and Ernie and the progress of the church. We always regret the loss of some people in a merger arrangement, but also trust that when the necessary negotiations have been completed, that there will be added strength to the program of the church. You are unfortunate in losing your minister so soon after this has happened, but this, too, may be a good thing for a new man to come to the field who has not been involved in the negotiations or the prejudices of either congregation. We trust that the Lord will lead you to a new minister who can accomplish a sincere Christian ministry in Bergholz.

Cordially,

JLJ/csb

J. Earl Jackman

P. S. I am greatly honored that this gift has been given with some recognition of the small service which I was able to offer to the community during student days. Please express my appreciation for it.

November 30, 1959

Mr. Jay Rickel
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Jay:

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amount 12/1/59 to
Mr. Rickel*

Through a personal visit and correspondence, we have just received a gift for \$45.- through Mrs. E.V. Lodge, Box 284, Bergholz, Ohio, from the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. In this community, the Presbyterian and the United Presbyterian Churches merged, and the Women's Missionary Society of the old Presbyterian Church cleaned out their principal funds for various causes. They have sent this \$45.- for the work in Alaska in honor of the fact that I served them as a student about thirty-five years ago during the summer. It seems there are a few people there who remember me and have forwarded this gift because of that remembrance.

We have received several gifts of this kind recently so that there is some money in the Treasury Department which we will forward to you as soon as we can get to it, with a record of the sources. Meanwhile, a note of thanks ought to be sent from you or Mrs. Rasmussen to Mrs. Lodge.

I notice in your last treasurer's report that the cost of the new chimney of more than \$500.- was included in the expenditure from the general funds which have been used for program and personnel. Is this a new policy? The payment from the general funds leaves the balance rather low, and does not recognize that this is a building expenditure. It has been our suggestion to most of these people who have been sending their contributions from the South US, that they designate them for building and equipment, and, of course, the First Church has taken the responsibility for such items. We have been applying the money which has come through us toward building and equipment in order to assist First Church in fulfilling this responsibility.

Best regards to all of you.

Cordially,

JEL/osb

cc: The Rev. Wm. E. Pritchard
The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth
The Rev. John C. Stokes

J. Earl Jackson

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What's the score?

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

GENERAL COUNCIL
DEPT. OF BUDGET AND FINANCE AND C. R. A. Unit of C & I

DATE November 30, 1959

TO: Department of City & Industrial Work, Bu. of
National Missions, Room #1133.
FROM: Mr. Roger H. Johnson

COPY TO:



SUBJECT: HOSPITALITY HOUSES - Alaska

REFERENCE:

The Presbytery of Yukon, Synod of Washington, has advised this office of a program instituted by that Presbytery for which they are requesting approval under the standard procedure for validating Synod and Presbytery Causes Program. There is an item entitled "Presbytery Hospitality House, Fairbanks". Would you be good enough to give us any background that you might have concerning this work or any other work related to Hospitality Houses throughout Alaska that are under the supervision of your office and are financed from funds made available through the church's Ministry to Servicemen.

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Mr. Roger M. Johnson
FROM Dr. Jackson
RE Presbytery of Yukon's responsibility for
Hospitality House.

DATE 12/7/59

Arthur Stevenson has given me your memo regarding Hospitality House in Fairbanks, Alaska, and has asked me to give you some background information on it.

This property has been purchased by the Board of National Missions as a service center for teen-age and working girls, largely Eskimo, who need personal help and guidance as well as training for jobs in the Fairbanks area. At present, there is an agreement between the Board and the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks that the First Church will take the responsibility for maintenance and operation of the program with a subsidy from National Missions through the Department of Work in Alaska.

There is a feeling in the Presbytery of Yukon that this should have a wider responsibility than just First Church, and the Presbytery has approved the acceptance of responsibility of operation instead of First Church. The local Board would be named by the Presbytery with the approval of the Board of National Missions through our office. The Presbytery has put this on the list of "Synod Causes" and has requested validation by the Synod. Synod has approved it as a special object to which the churches of the Presbytery could contribute with credit in the "Synod Causes" list in the General Assembly Minutes.

Hospitality House has been in operation for two and a half years, and has already proved a most valuable service for these Eskimo girls. It has been commended highly by all social and government agencies who have had any relationship to it.

JES/csb

CC: The Rev. John C. Stokes
The Rev. Wm. M. Pritchard
The Rev. Brian H. Cleworth

December 29, 1959

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
Hospitality House
1106 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Rasmussen:

Recently we received a letter from Mrs. Lee E. Bravely, WPA #1, Sterling, Illinois, sending us a check for \$100.00 from the Women's Association, \$10.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Bravely, and \$5.00 from their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Mortensen, 609 Second Ave., Sterling, Illinois. This total is designated for the new stove for Hospitality House. Mrs. Bravely has asked how much more is needed for the stove. We will have to ask you to write her a note in thanks for the gifts and tell her how much more is needed.

We have some other money here which has been designated for Hospitality House. I have asked the girls to get a list of the donors and the amounts, and a check for the total contributions which we shall forward to you. We have been handicapped by limited help, and a large volume of work at the end of the year. As soon as we can clear this, we will get it to you. I had hoped that it would be there in time to get into Mr. Nickell's December report, but I am not sure of that. Perhaps if he does not close his books until the first week in January, we still can get it in.

Best regards to all of you. We appreciated the card from all of you on the staff.

Cordially,

JMJ/csb
cc: Mr. Fritchard
Mr. Glenworth

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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March 9, 1940

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
1106 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mabel:

where is money collected? →
I have just returned from a Western trip to find a note on my desk that the board has received a sum of money from the Shady Side Presbyterian Church, 12000 Avenue E, Westchester Place, Pittsburgh 32, Pennsylvania which represents the proceeds from a bazaar and contributed for three different projects. The recipient of the money was Miss Alice S. Burke and Mr. Edward M. Schriebe, 121 Westchester Place, Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania is the pastor of the church. One of these projects was a designation of \$100.00 for a motion-picture projector and screen for Hospitality House which I am to order for you.

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Before ordering this equipment, I wanted to be sure that this need has not already been supplied from some other source. Our visual-aid officer is recommending the Ampro Deluxe Stylized Unit which has the loud-speaker in the corner of the case and which means that the total equipment is in one carrying case. For a screen, we recommend the silver-headed screen as a tripod. In cases where it is to be carried around, we usually recommend the 50-inch screen; but in cases where it stays in the same building, we recommend the 60-inch square screen. Since this is to be the equipment for Hospitality House, we feel it would be better to order the 60-inch screen. Please give us a report on all of this at once, and we will order the equipment for you. We think there is enough money to get it all at wholesale price.

What plans are you making for extra help during the summer when some of the staff should have time off for vacations. Miss Florence Lady of our staff has just been in with a letter from a friend of hers who has always wanted to do some work among Indian people. Mrs. Miss Walderby, 2017 Creston Road, Glen Burnie, Maryland is a school teacher and will have six weeks this summer she could use for volunteer service. She is willing to pay her own transportation and offer her services for board and room during the six weeks of the summer. This will probably be from about July 1 to the middle of August. She is about 60 years old, has two children have grown and are married and teaches junior high. The question was raised whether she should go on to Harrow or be considered as extra help for Hospitality House during the summer. I gave Miss Lady your name and address so that you may be hearing

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen

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March 9, 1960

from Mrs. Weindorp. We can pick up the negotiations with her through the office here or you can do them direct. If you make the arrangement with her direct, please keep us informed.

Best regards to all of you. I need to catch up on your reports to be informed about present program and developments.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jacoman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

JEF:bn

cc: The Rev. Brian Cleworth
The Rev. John Stokes
The Rev. W. M. Fritchard

MAR 22 1960

PHONE 6448

Presbyterian Hospitality House

The Hospitality House is to provide Christian Guidance
and assistance to needy girls of working age

March 19, 1960

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska
United Presbyterian Church, USA
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Re- Projector and Screen

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Your letter came last Saturday but due to a most hectic week, I have not had time to answer.

I can't tell you how happy I was to hear that we are getting a projector. That was a wonderful gift and I will write the church which contributed it on Monday. Somehow, as usual, my faith is very small. I just didn't think we would ever get one. It will be put to good use and often. To have to borrow a projector every time you want to show a film is a nuisance and we have done without rather than go through with the bother each time.

Yes, the 60 inch screen will be best. I doubt that it will ever be taken any where and that is the best size for use here.

We are in need of a third person as Marilyn will be leaving in June. Of course we will need someone for summer help but should have someone who can take over for me so that I can have a bit more free time and too, there is always the possibility of illness or other reasons why I might have to be away. We have been fortunate in having Mrs. Smith and she will be back with us by the first of May, but I am looking toward the future. Mrs. Reindorp might be very good for summer help but I'm wondering if she might not like Barrow better if she is interested in the Eskimo people. She wouldn't see too much of them here at least not as she would at Barrow where they are at their best. I have a thought which I have not mentioned as yet to anyone, but may to Brian, and that is this- will there be enough work for Isabel at Juneau? If so, wouldn't she fit in here? She could take over program and outside contacts. There is much she could do. I have learned to know her and to like her and I'm sure we could get along working together - or, fighting together, as the case may be. I doubt that there is a more sincere or faithful worker than she is, and she does know social work. She is sharp at times but at least we know where we stand with her. Well, this has been on my mind and as usual with things on my mind, they usually get on your door-step.

I am enclosing the reports for February. I thoroughly enjoyed the meetings at Colonus but not the least of my pleasure was seeing Helen Cannon again. She looked just wonderful. Give my best to Mrs. Jackman.

Sincerely,

April 1, 1960

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mattie;

Thank you for sending us copies of your correspondence regarding personnel because this has helped us to keep informed. Ed and Ned is trying to find places for the staff at Bethel House in case that center is closed permanently, but there may be some adjustment in this planning when the board meets this month. Therefore, it has not been clear how many of the present staff may be retained for a similar kind of work in Alaska or will need permanent re-assignments.

Thank you also for sending us the picture with the new sign on the house. It looks very attractive and is keeping with the rest of the building. This taken as well as out of date and I shall have to bring the camera again to get more recent pictures.

The projector and screen have been ordered and we hope that you will get them in good time. We want to let us know in your correspondence when they have arrived and try to get at once to be sure that they are in good condition after transportation.

As a result of several contacts, we seem to have inquiries about summer work at the House. Miss Miller visited with the Rev. and Mrs. Ray Fox of Minneapolis and formerly served at Bethel and told them there would be need for summer workers, so their daughter, Margaret, has written asking to serve at Hospitality House during the coming summer. She is a junior at Yankton University. Her transportation would be provided by her family. Following college work, she plans to go on to seminary for a Master's degree in Christian Education. Last summer she worked on the staff of the First Presbyterian Church, Duluth City, Minnesota. She has had experience as a counselor at summer camps in Minnesota. She is available from June 10 to September 1. I have had no contact with her since she was a girl in Duluth but do have a very high regard for the Fox family.

Also, we have had another contact with a sixty-five year old woman who is well recommended as one who gets along very well with children and has acceptable relationships with adults and who wants to come to Alaska to serve during the summer. This is not the same one about whom I wrote you before.

Mrs. Harry Harrison

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April 1, 1900

In light of these inquiries which are coming to us about people who want to serve in Alaska, it would be helpful if we had a specific statement from you concerning your personal needs for the summer. Would there be a place for Mr. Bret Fox whom we would have to pay the usual of \$250 a month plus housing but without food for the three-months' period? Or should we think of a middle-aged woman, if one is available, who could come for two or three months to give you and Mrs. Smith some relief during the summer months? Or is there a place and moderate remuneration for both such people? I shall be seeing you this week in connection with the meeting of the Presbytery, and some of these people are awaiting us for a decision so that their plans for the summer can be settled. If you would get me an answer on this by April 5 before I leave here, we could answer some of the questions which are coming to us.

Best regards to both of you and everything goes you in your vital work.

Sincerely,

J. Earl Johnson, Secretary
Dept. of Game in Alaska

JEM:bb

cc: The Rev. T. K. Fritchard
The Rev. John W. Stokes
The Rev. Brian Cleworth

5/24/60

MAY 27 1960

Dr. Earle Jackman
Presbyterian Board of
National Missions
475 Riverside
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Jackman:

I am preparing an article for the Saturday Evening Post about the Hospitality House in Fairbanks, Alaska and would appreciate assistance from you. They were interested in the letter I wrote, but unfortunately, I am short of information about its operation and about the very charming lady, Mrs. Mabel Rasmussen.

I was fortunate enough to make her acquaintance while in Fairbanks in March. While my own transportation back to Seattle was no problem, still I did have an acute case of "no-moneitis" and any short-term job which I had naively believed would pay my expenses for the 3 weeks I planned to tour Alaska, was just not available. Mrs. Rasmussen, after I told her of the situation, very kindly agreed to let me stay there for a few nights -- and for this I shall always be most grateful. From her I learned a little about the House, its reason for existence -- which, as I understand, was primarily to give the native Indian and Eskimo girls a haven when they left their native villages and went to Fairbanks. I am still confused as to the status of some of those girls. Some have families, some don't...some are in school, some aren'tand I need a clearer picture of the reason for these differences.

Believe me, I have no wish to exploit anyone. I think the program is excellent and worthwhile and humanitarian; certainly, it deserves recognition. As I understand it, it was a long time before anyone took the problem of homeless native girls very seriously.

I met some of these girls and was much impressed and would like to know what happens to most of them after they leave. I believe, also, that Hospitality House also serves the children who are enroute to or from the government school in Juneau.

If you have any reports, publicity, or personal comments which will help me do a good researching job, I would like to know if you would send them to me. I, of course, have no idea whether I'll be able to make another trip to Fairbanks or not. I would like to, but may not have the money. This is not a definite assignment, but because of the interest shown, I believe that it's worth a gamble to do the job and I would like to do the best job I can. If it should happen that you may be passing through Seattle soon perhaps we could talk about Hospitality House and its future. Perhaps you could suggest others sources for information?

Sincerely,

June 9, 1960

Mrs. Joyce Blair Beasley
940 1/2 N. 34th
Seattle 3, Washington

Dear Mrs. Beasley:

We have your letter of May 24 inquiring about more information on Hospitality House in Fairbanks. We are interested in the fact that you are preparing an article for Saturday Evening Post about this project.

We do have monthly narrative reports from Mrs. Kasmussen since the project began, but usually these are of a rather personal nature and we very much doubt whether personal cases ought to be put into a magazine for the public.

Two or three brief articles have been written about Hospitality House and we may have copies of these in the office. If so, we shall try to send you one.

I shall be at the Stewart Hotel in Seattle on Sunday, June 26. If this is not too late for a review of the history of Hospitality House, you might call me there and we can arrange to get together for a review of the story.

Sincerely yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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Presbyterian Hospitality House

The Hospitality House is to provide Christian Guidance
and assistance to needy girls of working age

July 28, 1960

Dr. J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions
United Presbyterian Church, USA
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Re- third worker

Dear Dr. Jackman:

Our Board met last Thursday evening and of course we discussed the hiring of a third full-time worker. There is much concern that we get someone very soon so that I will not be left short-handed again. Do you know of anyone who might be available for September?

I have talked with John Stokes regarding the job descriptions and he says there is nothing he feels needs to be added. However, in recruiting locally, I am at a loss when it comes to setting salary, benefits, etc. Our personnel committee will be getting together just as soon as possible and perhaps we can go over some of these things. However, your opinion will be appreciated. I would like to have an idea of salary so that I can have something definite to offer anyone applying locally. I did hope we could find someone living in Fairbanks, perhaps some woman who is married and up here with her husband as it would take care of the housing situation.

Mrs. Hall is working out quite well. I went with her to the University a few days ago to see about enrolling her in a class or two. Nutrition for one, and perhaps Consumer Buying. I plan on taking one subject myself providing I get rested up enough. Margaret Fox is very fine and we are getting caught up on much of the work.

This has been one of our wild weeks. Last night we had twenty three! Among the extras was a little old lady who had just hitched a ride with a man who intended going prospecting. She wanted to prospect, too. This morning I contacted the BIA Welfare Office and found that she has lived in and around Anchorage for several years, that she was hit with a propellor some years ago and now has wandering sores. They never do know just where she will end up, but this is the farthest she has gone. The girls just love her, but she will be going back to Anchorage as soon as her ticket is provided. Everything comes to H. H.

By the way, your's truly was presented with an orchid this morning. The BIA Education group is meeting out at the University this week making plans for the fall migration of young people. They invited me to come to their coffee hour this morning - I hated to take the time, but, felt I might offend if I didn't- soo- I came home with an orchid for my splendid cooperation, if you please! Did you know I cooperated splendidly? Enough foolishness. I must get some other letters out. Greetings to everyone.

Sincerely,

Madie

(PLEASE REPLY BY AIR MAIL)

November 30, 1960

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mabel:

Many thanks to you and the girls for your gracious hospitality during my recent visit to Fairbanks. It was a real pleasure to share moose and Fellowship with you, the staff, the Committee and the girls again. I carried the package of moose and to the delight of both of us, we had moose for several from the roast which you wrapped up for me. With what John Stokes provided, we had moose for a couple of weeks. He invited the girls out from the office and they shared it with us.

I have looked into the Westminster Press catalogue to find that the Sallman Christ head which they have prepared in a gold frame is 18x22 1/2 inches. This may be a little larger than you would need for your devotion room, but the next size which they have is about 16x11 inches. It would seem to me that a better size would be 18x11 inches, but we may not be able to get that size. Will the 18x22 1/2 be satisfactory? We have been looking at candle sticks, and the brass candle sticks 10 inches high seem to be an appropriate size. If you feel these should be 8 inches instead of 10, we free to give me a report on this. I would like to have this information as soon as possible so that we can clear the order and pay the bill before the end of the year. This will be a gift to the House from my wife and me.

Following my return, I have had a conference with John Park Lee concerning budget and administration from here. There are a few things that need to be worked out here, and we hope these will be done soon so that all of understandings can be completed.

Best regards to you and Harry, your staff and the girls.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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*Fairbanks
Alaska*

December 1, 1960

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

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Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Dept. of Work in Alaska

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*Transmitted
Hosp. House*

Mr. John Park Lee
Dr. J. Earl Jackson

December 1, 1960

Attached you will find a copy of the original agreement between the Board of National Missions and the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks, Alaska concerning the operation of Hospitality House.

About a year ago, the First Presbyterian Church asked, in accordance with this agreement, to be relieved of the responsibility for operation. The Presbytery of Yukon voted to take this on as a Presbytery project and include something in their Presbytery contributions for its support. A committee was appointed to take over the direction of it, but no definite agreement has been made between the Presbytery and the Board.

At a recent meeting of both Presbyteries in Alaska, Dr. Sharp announced that, in accordance with the budgetary processes of the Board, this would have to be a Synod or a Headquarters project. Since it would be related to the Office of Health and Welfare, it should become a Headquarters project. The people in Fairbanks understand that you will making a personal contact with them soon to prepare another agreement and to pick up the Headquarters contacts and administration with them. The Department of Health in Alaska has been carrying these contacts in administration with the provision that the nominations of members on the local board shall be submitted to us for approval, and the annual budget shall be submitted in advance for approval. This has been done.

We have given you a copy of their budget for 1961 on which they are striving to have three full-time staff members who are needed. The budget submitted to the past from National Missions was \$25,000. The new budget with three people on the staff calls for \$17,500 from National Missions. Additional funds were requested in the budget of 1961 to make larger provision, but no advance money was granted. The \$25,000 which is available is in the budget of the Department of Health in Alaska for 1961 and should be transferred to your Department when you are ready to pick up these details with Hospitality House Board. The problem of the difference of \$7,500 will have to be worked out by you between the Budget Director and Hospitality House Board. The Board has a good operating balance at the end of the year 1960 but will not cover this margin for the new year.

J. Earl Jackson

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cc: Rev. Arlen Clemens
Rev. Wm. Williamson

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1406 AIRPORT ROAD
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

PHONE 6445

Presbyterian Hospitality House

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December 7, 1960

Doctor J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions
475 Riverside Drive
New York, 27, N.Y.

11/30 ltr attached

Dear Doctor Jackman:

How nice to hear from you so soon! Such is not always the case as you're always on the "go" but I suppose now that you are getting things settled that most of your work will be done from your office. I shall miss getting your letters; although they were few and far between, they have always been of much encouragement to me.

First of all, regarding the candle-sticks and the picture of Sallman's Head of Christ: the candle-sticks ten inches high seem just right to me, and the picture 18½" by 22" would fit very well with them. I am looking forward to having a particular place set aside for our chapel; it will probably be too small to qualify as a regular chapel, never-the-less, it will be used for that purpose and perhaps for a quiet place to go to talk with the girls when it is necessary which is far more often than one would think. The girls will appreciate this lovely worship center and it will mean much to me to be reminded of you and Mrs. Jackman as I talk with the girls and counsel them about the things of God. Harry and I often talked about how much your counseling, although it was usually very short, has meant to us. There were times when we both felt that we were not in the right place but always there is the word of admonition or of encouragement that helped our thinking. How thankful we are that you were the one in charge of Board of National Missions' work in Alaska when it was time to begin the work of Hospitality House. It is true that many many people have had their part in helping to get it started and to keep it going. Never-the-less, without someone to be the spear-head, I'm sure we would not have gotten very far. After getting to know some of the board members and their thinking, I am really amazed that you could convince them of the need that was so far away from New York and so far from their thinking. It is not that they wouldn't want to do something that was good but I can understand that it is almost impossible for people so far away to see the needs up here and I'm sure people still feel that there are just a handful of Eskimos here and there isn't much for the church to do for them but we know better and I am so glad that there are more board members coming up so that they can get a different view and perhaps catch a bit of the vision that the rest of us have had for so long. No matter what the future brings, and no matter what changes there might be; I am real thankful and grateful

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to God that He has allowed me to have a little part in this work. I feel that if we have done nothing else in our lives than to urge this project along, that it is already shown enough results and enough led to God to make us feel that it has been most worth-while. I'm sure you feel the same about it and that although it has been difficult much of the way, yet it is a glory of God. Here we have something established where people can come and get the assistance they need and learn how to help themselves.

I suppose we'll be hearing from John Park Lee one of these days. I wrote him a note just last week when I sent the reports on to him as I shall be doing from now on. I shall also continue to send one to you; as I know you'll be interested in knowing what's going on and how we are progressing. We have heard nothing further regarding the rennovation but I certainly hope that we shall hear very soon. I believe Brian wrote to you or Mr. Carson about it.

I was so very glad that you enjoyed the moose. I did chuckle when I heard that John had also gotten some for you. I was glad because I was sure that it would keep until you got to New York and that you would all enjoy it. I think the moose this year has been particularly good. Just last week we were given another moose--a rather small one this time and Harry took it out to have it all ground into moose-burgers! We will have some put aside for you when you come up with the Seminar in July.

Greetings to Mrs. Jackman and to any others we know from all of us.

Sincerely

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PS Thank you for the copy of your letter to Brian.

MRR:ag

Al
Fairbanks, Hospitality
House 2nd
Sallman Christ Head
Candlesticks
gift of 92.9 a.m. Jackson

December 30, 1960

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mabel:

We have ordered the picture and candlesticks from Westminster Press and they should be coming to you within a reasonable time by parcel post. We trust that they will add to the spiritual atmosphere of hospitality house in the Christian growth of the girls who pass through or come to live there.

Thank you for your kind words about our relations in the past with Hospitality House and its development. We still believe in it and will continue our interest in the program and results even though administrative relationships with Alaska may be terminated.

Best regards to you and Harry. We deeply appreciate the devotion and consistent hard work of both of you in your spiritual service.

Cordially,

JEJ:lb

J. Earl Jackson
Secretary
Department of Work in Alaska



BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS
OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

475 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NEW YORK 27, N. Y.

RIVERSIDE 9-2200

July 12, 1961

Mrs. Harry Rasmussen
1406 Airport Road
Fairbanks, Alaska

Dear Mrs. Rasmussen:

After reviewing our program of special gifts to Alaska, we find there is a little more money available for something extra special. To me, Hospitality House and the Rasmussens are extra special, and I am wondering if there is something more we can do.

Now that the entire building has been renovated for full occupancy and use, is there some additional piece of equipment that you could use in the program? Or is there something special in your apartment which you would like to have or which would make life a little more convenient for you and Harry. You may have two, three, or four things that you would like to suggest of varying prices. Do not hesitate to give me a preferential list, and let me see what can be done about it.

Best regards to you and Harry and everyone at Hospitality House.

Cordially,

J. Earl Jackman

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Dictated by Dr. Jackman;
signed in his absence.

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